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Pearl Harbor Attack Described by Candidate

Candidate Robert O. Murphy, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Murphy of Waco, Texas, a member of 7th Co. 1st STR, was a member of Battery C, 98th Coast Artillery, stationed at Schofield Barracks, T. H. On the morning of December 7, 1941, he, with the other members of his battery, were peacefully eating breakfast when bombs started exploding not far away.

The entire battery gave the Air Corps a good going over for practicing on Sunday and disturbing their breakfast but when a few minutes later some of the planes came roaring over the mess hall realization of the truth dawned suddenly. Instead of the usual red, white, and blue insignia of the U. S. Army Air Corps the planes had red circles—unmistakably Japanese.

Within a few minutes the battery received their orders and went into action. Candidate Murphy with the rest of his crew wheeled their 3 in. anti-aircraft gun into position and when ammo arrived proceeded to get in a little practical work. Murphy's crew believed they accounted for two or three Nip planes but this belief was never confirmed. However, two members of the 98th, Lt. Saltzman and Sgt. Klatt, received silver stars for knocking down two of the attacking planes with automatic rifles.

When asked how he felt when he realized it was a real attack Candidate Murphy said he didn't know whether he was scared or mad or both, but whatever it was he had time to realize that the Jap pilots were good and daring fighters and were not to be underrated. "That," he said, "is the big thing I learned from the attack and that's what I would like to pass along—not to underestimate the Japs. They're deadly on dive bombing and uncanny with torpedo planes and if their ground forces, which I haven't seen, are as good as their air force they're going to be tough to lick. Sure, we're the ones that can do it, but we have to make the most of everything in the time available."

With that, Candidate Murphy said no more and when you stop and think about it he said a mouthful.

Second STR Choir To Offer Yule Program

The Second Student Training Regiment's choir, one of the best-known singing organizations on the post despite the fact that its officer candidate personnel is constantly changing, has prepared a special Christmas program which it is offering at several special services during the Yuletide season.

The choir will be a feature of a vesper service to be given at the Main Protestant Chapel on the Main Post Sunday evening, Dec. 27. Chaplain Edwin L. Wilson of the Second Regiment, will officiate.

The choir is also singing at a Protestant Christmas Eve service in Chapel No. 2 at Harmony Church at midnight Christmas Eve, and a Christmas program was broadcast over the Columbus radio station last Sunday night.

There will also be a Catholic mass at midnight tonight at Harmony Church, in Chapel No. 3, while another midnight Protestant service will be offered in Chapel No. 4.

O. C. Simmonds Was Boxing Champ

George H. Simmonds, former Lake Forest, Ill., boxing instructor, and once holder of Ohio A. A. U. and Illinois National Guard titles, has entered the Infantry School at Fort Benning, as a member of the 11th Company, 2nd Battalion, First Student Training Regiment.

Simmonds was Ohio A. A. U. Middleweight Champion in 1931, winning with a two round knockout. As a member of the 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, at Waukegan, he won the Illinois National Guard Light-heavyweight title in 1927, outpointing Andy McCabe, former sparring partner of Jack Dempsey. In recent years Simmonds has served as boxing instructor at schools and boxing clubs.

He was inducted last April at Chicago and was stationed at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C. before coming to Fort Benning.



MOTHERS MADE COMFORTABLE for Christmas

The vanguard of hundreds of holiday visitors at Benning, these two mothers said they could find no words to tell their delight when a soldier unlocked the door of the new barracks temporarily turned into guest houses. Mr. Jack Wallace, left, came from Los Angeles, Calif., to spend Christmas with her son, Sgt. R. J. Wallace, a Benning paratrooper recuperating in the Station hospital. Mrs. William Bornmann, of Roxboro, Penn., is visiting her son, Pvt. William Bornmann, who is also confined to the hospital.

1st STR Set For Yuletide

Ingenuity, Economy Mark Decorations

In keeping with the true spirit of Christmas the enlisted men of the First Student Training Regiment set about to display their skill in the erection of unusual decorations and the planning of Christmas dinners.

Due to the fact that both the individual enlisted men and the companies of the regiment have subscribed hands to the purchase of War Bonds, Col. Thomas R. Gibson, Regimental Commander, cautioned all concerned that a sharp limitation was to be placed on expenses involved in displays and entertainments. He further suggested that money spent in this manner could be put to better use, and be more in the keeping with the true Christmas spirit, by the further purchase of bonds and stamps.

These words from Col. Gibson served to put before the men of the Regiment a direct challenge to their skill, ingenuity and imaginations. A tour of the area shows that the challenge was met with a will. Old cardboard, old paint, cast off clothes, a ball of twine, a bit of colored paper and plenty of imagination were the basis for the further purchase of decorations were forthcoming.

The men of each individual company felt that the effort of their next door neighbor was a direct test of superiority. Secret meetings were held, plans were made, decorations were engineered in hidden corners and necks were suffering from a touch of "good neighborly" yawning. However, the greatest display of all was the display of high morale and eagerness to win. From all battalions came the good word that the men of the Regiment were looking forward with zest to their Christmas dinners and the never-to-be-forgotten spirit of good fellowship.

RELIGIOUS EVENTS

As is befitting the season, the Regimental Chaplain's Office is the center of all activity. From here Chaplain Frederick W. Helfer makes known his extensive plans for special Christmas worship. Already announcement has been made of a very full and inspiring schedule. Starting at 8 p. m. tonight a party will be held in the beautifully decorated Chaplain's Office. This party is for the "permanent enlisted personnel" of the Regiment and will conclude in such time as to permit the men to attend 11:30 p. m. services at the Main Chapel. On Christmas Day worship services and carol singing will be conducted in Bldg. No. 12 for the Second Battalion at 11:30 a. m.



LT. COL. PAUL D. CARTER recently completed the division officers' refresher course at Fort Benning and was assigned to the 347th Infantry at Camp McCain, Miss. The colonel served in the first World War and was decorated for gallantry in action several times.

Army Post Office officials at Fort Sill, Okla., can decipher most any kind of writing, but they were stumped when they found a letter addressed to "Paragraph 10, Special Order 309 Replacement Center Headquarters, Fort Sill."

Marriage now is no barrier to becoming a member of the Army Nurse Corps, for the War Department has announced that it will accept applications for appointments from married nurses.

The best known and loved of all Army mobile equipment, the Jeep, got its name when the first of the bouncing buggies was rolled off the freight car by a soldier who noticed the initials "G. P." stencilled on the side to signify "General Purpose."

m. and Bldg. No. 4, for both the First and Third Battalions. There also will be an afternoon service at 1:20 p. m. Chaplain Helfer made it clear that at all times any men of the Regiment are welcome to stop in to his office and inspect the handy-work of his charges. The members of the Regiment are proud of the beautiful altar and colorful decorations arranged by the Chaplain. It truly will be a great Christmas. "A" Christmas close to God.

3rd STR O. C. Seeks Commission 'Hard Way'

Among the hundreds of men putting in long hours of hard work at the Army's training school for Infantry officers at Fort Benning are many who might have had an officer's commission just by saying "yes," but who preferred to earn their bars the hard way. Fairly typical of this group is Candidate Emil Leavitt, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

A qualified navigator of small craft, and owner of the 30-foot auxiliary "Valhalla," Leavitt became a member of the Coast Guard Reserve in October 1940 and, because of his 20 years experience in waters along the Atlantic coast and in the West Indies, he was offered a commission in the Amphibious Corps of the Engineers last June.

However, Leavitt figured that a man should be a soldier before becoming an officer so he entered the Army on June 22, 1942, as a volunteer officer candidate. Sent to Camp Croft, S. C. for basic training he soon proved his worth and was appointed to the Infantry School last Armistice Day. Now he is undergoing three months of tough and intensive training in the weapons and tactics of the modern United States Infantry soldier.

At present Candidate Leavitt is a member of the crack Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School and if he successfully passes his course here he will be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

When the war is over Leavitt hopes he will have an opportunity to pay another visit in the "Valhalla" to Haiti and other West Indian islands among which he cruised extensively in 1939. Meanwhile the "Valhalla" is tied up in idle statue at the docks of the Sheepshead Bay Yacht Club in New York.

Lawson Field Offices Move To New Building

Several offices of administrative branches of Lawson Field have been moved in to the newly completed headquarters building adjacent to the field, it was reported today.

The new addition includes the offices of the Base Commander, Executive, Personnel, Adjutant, Base Supply, Administrative, Trial Judge Advocate, Public Relations and Intelligence Officers. In the old building at the headquarters at the field, partitions have been removed and allotted to the enlisted personnel of various squadrons handling clerical and administrative work of their respective squadrons.

At the same time, the various squadrons have been segregated, thus eliminating crowded conditions. Further enlargement of the facilities of the field still is under way.

Student Scores 100 Per Cent In Auto Course

The unusual feat of making 100 per cent in The Infantry School's specialized automotive course was accomplished here this week by Technician 4th Grade Robert L. Donaldson of Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Sergeant Donaldson, whose home is at 9026 16th Ave., S.W., Seattle, Washington, was the second man in the long history of the automotive school to come through with a perfect score. The course is an intensive 13-week program which deals with every function and piece of equipment on army vehicles, and in their operation and tactical deployment.

In civil life, Sergeant Donaldson was an oil truck driver. He entered the service last February, but has one previous tour of duty to his credit, from 1933 to 1936. His regular army assignment is mechanic in Division Headquarters Company. Yes, he's the man who keeps the division general's car in tip top working order.

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War Movie Slated Soon

Film Was Directed By Frank Capra

Soldiers at Fort Benning and at all other Army posts in the nation will shortly have an opportunity to attend a Hollywood-produced motion picture during duty hours—but it's all a part of their military training.

The picture is "Prelude to War," the first picture made for the Army by Lt. Col. Frank Capra, one of Hollywood's most able movie directors. It is a one-hour motion picture that will be shown to military personnel during duty hours as it is considered a part of their Army training.

In connection with the picture, a man-sized task—that of distributing the picture throughout the nation so that every soldier in training will see it sometime in the next 42 days—was handed to the Army Motion Picture Service. One hundred and 14 prints of the

film were made, including prints in 16 mm. form for all units overseas.

"Prelude to War" has a commentary recited by Walter Huston, although he never appears. It covers the territory of the Office of War Information feature "The World at War" but Colonel Capra has used marching feet as a symphony, gave the reel other "Capra touches" to make it powerful and dramatic.

Reports on the picture indicate that it portrays the reasons why America is engaged in the global war and is based on a series of lectures prepared by college professors.

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Faith, Courage Mark Eulogy of Lost Son

Editor's Note: The following essay needs little explanation. It was written by the country editor of the Walsh County Record at Grafton, N. D. We reprint it because we think it shows the faith in their country and the courage of the "rookie" back home. To soldiers it should provide an inspiration to know that such are the fathers whose sons they are. And this typically American father entitled this piece simply,

For more than 30 years, as a newspaper man, I have been writing about people—mostly people whom I knew. I have chronicled their successes and their failures, their joys and their sorrows. Naturally it has been easier and more pleasant to write of their successes and their joys. It is not easy to write about the dark shadows which occasionally slip down over every community and almost every life.

In the first World War, in line with my duty, I told of the passing of many fine young men who had gone out from the little community of Starkweather where I then lived, to defend and protect their country.

In the great conflict now raging, it has been the unpleasant duty of myself, or someone on the Record staff, to tell the heroic stories of several brave youths from Walsh county who have made the supreme sacrifice.

I am familiar, therefore, with the form of the message which the War Department sends out on such occasions. It is a simple, carefully worded document. When the first few words came over the telephone Friday night, I could have repeated the remainder of the message from memory. It said: "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret, that your son, Second Lieutenant Rillie R. Morgan, Jr., was killed in action in the defense of his country in the south Pacific on Nov. 22. Letter follows: Ullio, the adjutant general."

And thus there came to me and my family the great sorrow which we have tried so often to share when others have received the dread news. It is not easy, but we are sustained and supported by the words and messages of comfort and sympathy which have come from friends throughout the state.

WE LOOK BACK
Now that the effects of the first shock have passed, we naturally look back over the life of this young man who was so typically American and who symbolizes the millions of brave young men who are fighting the battles of humanity and justice and freedom on every continent and every sea and island that gem the sea. In doing so we catch and hold memories that will remain with us so long as life shall endure.

We recall as if it were yesterday, how proud we were when our first male child was born back on the beautiful spring day in April 1920. Now his older sister would have a playmate and there would be someone to carry on the family name when we should have finished our labors here on earth.

He was not much different from other American babies. In a few brief months he began to show that restless energy which was to characterize his entire life. As soon as he was able to walk he became something of a town pet. He went alone everywhere in the little town where we lived and everyone knew him. When we would go to look for him, we might find him on the front porch, or in the parlor of a neighbor on the outskirts of the village, or on top of an automobile being repaired in the town garage.

Twenty years ago when we came to Grafton, he was not quite three years old. He grew up here. He went through the grades and the high school. He was not an outstanding student. He worked hard enough only to make his grades. He was interested in athletics and played on the high school football and basketball teams. I doubt if a more mischievous youngster ever lived and there were times when he sorely tried the patience of his parents, his teachers and his friends. Yet, when he smiled that frank, friendly, open smile of his, one was completely disarmed. He had a very remarkable personality.

GENEROUS, LOYAL
And while he was mischievous and got himself into his share of childish trouble, there was not a trace of meanness in his makeup. He was generous to a fault, he was loyal to his friends

and above all he was truthful and trustworthy.

I do not claim that he had more faults or more virtues than the average American boy. Rather, I glory in the fact that he was a typical, average American boy.

After completing high school he went to the University for two years. During his second year, he was able to get into the R. O. T. C., after being refused the first year because of poor eyesight. He could have remained at the university from 1940 to 1942 had he so desired, but he knew his country would need him sooner or later and he early determined to serve with the boys whom he knew and with whom he had grown up. He joined Company C

and left here in February, 1941. At Camp Claiborne, he was quickly promoted to corporal. Then a few months later he was made the company supply sergeant. It was in that capacity that he went overseas.

Then this summer, when the War Department set up the first officers' candidate school outside of continental United States, in New Caledonia, he was one of the 153 selected from a group of 1,650 to take the first training. Two other Grafton boys were selected for the same class, and ironic enough both of them, Arvid Eravik and Albert Whitney, have also made the supreme sacrifice.

No one will ever know just how proud his mother and I felt when he was commissioned a second lieutenant. It was the pride of parents who know that this son "made good."

DEEPLY RELIGIOUS
Like most typically American boys, he seldom showed the deep religious faith which was within

him. When he arrived at the age of understanding, without suggestions or prompting from his parents, he joined the church of his choice. At home and in camp he attended church whenever possible. In the last letter we received from him written on Guadalcanal, he made this epigrammatic statement in substance: "I know now what it means to have faith in God. From the letters I have read from other boys in the service, I am convinced he spoke for all his comrades."

There is comfort and consolation for us who mourn in the knowledge that he died holding firm to his faith—a faith upon which we, too, must depend to sustain us.

Last winter, not knowing what the future might hold for him or us, his mother and I made a trip to LaGrande, Ore., where Company C was then located, and visited briefly with him. At that time, because of the prospective rubber shortage, we felt just a

little guilty for making the trip. Now we would not trade the memory of those sacred hours for all the riches of the world.

Thus ends the story of this typical American boy. It might be written about millions of other boys who are now fighting for righteousness throughout the world.

SACRED OBLIGATION
The sacrifice he and others have made, and others will make, place upon us a heavy responsibility which we dare not shirk. Every American must realize now that we cannot live unto ourselves alone. There rests upon us the sacred obligation to see to it that the world is not again plunged into the hell of war at the instigation of one man or one nation. We owe it to them to see to it that America becomes so strong and is kept so strong that she, and other peaceful nations, can put down the threat of war in its incipency wherever it may arise. Then we must have the courage

and the vision to use that strength to see to it that never again shall a fanatical Hitler, a swashbuckling Mussolini, or a treacherous Jap raise his hideous head in this world. If we do less we shall not have kept faith with them.

And so, my son, hail and farewell. You lived abundantly you fought valiantly, you kept the faith, you died bravely, you gave your life that that we who live may enjoy the blessings of freedom, democracy, individual liberty, and the American way of life. No man can give more. God bless you for the precious memories you have left us.

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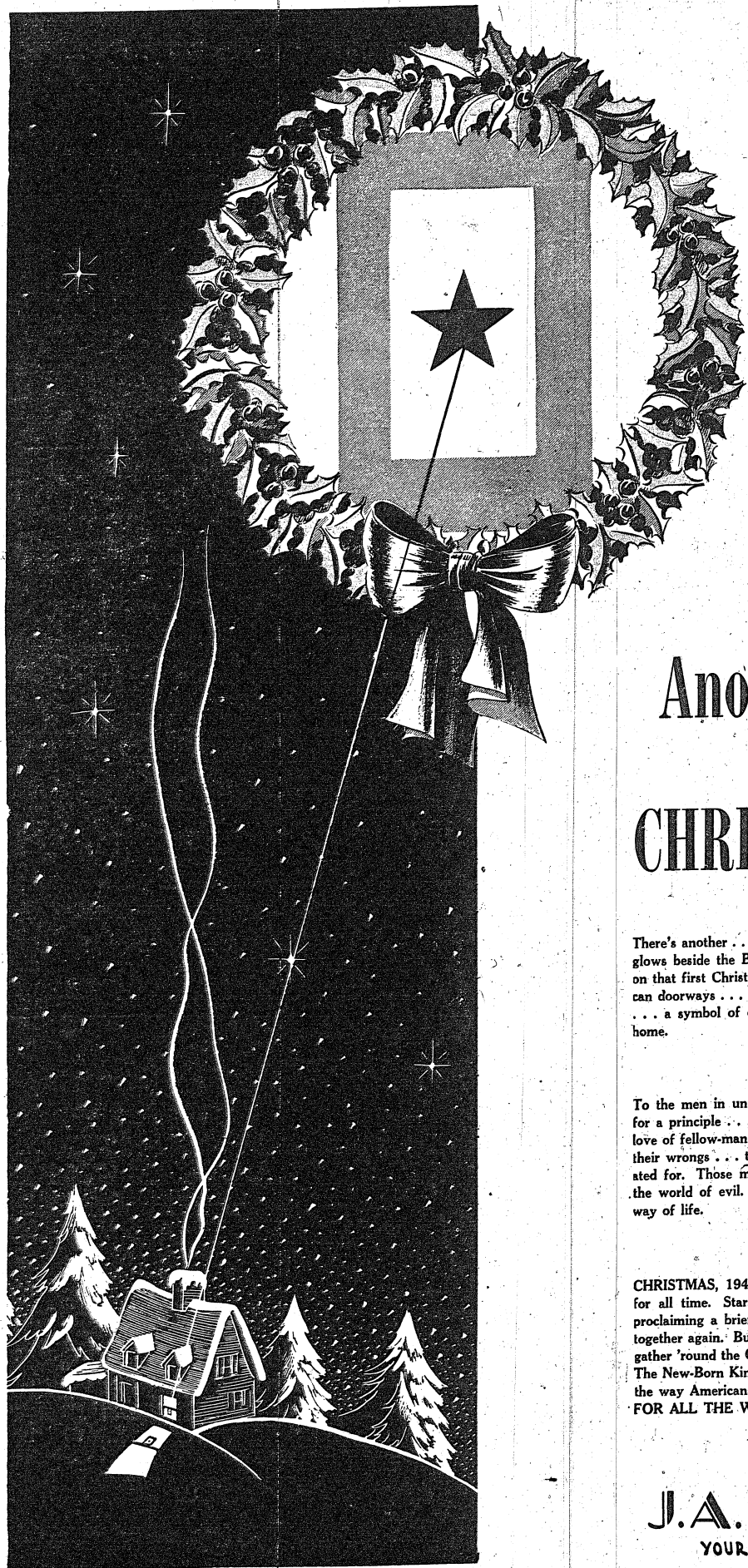
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To the men in uniform, near and far, this New Christmas Star stands for a principle . . . for all that Christmas represents . . . peace, freedom, love of fellow-man. They pray, as we do, that our enemies may right their wrongs . . . that the world may return to the blessings it was created for. Those men . . . your men . . . believe in this mission to clear the world of evil. WE believe in THEM and their fight to preserve our way of life.

CHRISTMAS, 1942 is a star-studded season. Spiritual stars that shine for all time. Stars that glisten from Service Flags throughout our land, proclaiming a brief interval, for them and for us, when we can all be together again. But joy prevails . . . we deck our halls with holly . . . gather 'round the Christmas tree . . . sing hymns and praises of Christ, The New-Born King! All this is Christmas . . . the way they want it . . . the way Americans want it, now and always . . . to keep it SHINING FOR ALL THE WORLD!

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Dad's 'Easy' Chair—And A Swell Dinner

Sundays are usually pretty dreary days in this man's Army. Most of us forsake "chow" call, sleep through breakfast, and rise about noon—spending the rest of the day taking it easy. But, being far away from home, especially at the Christmas season, the prospects of being "out in the cold" as far as spending a day with the home folks are concerned were not much to our liking.

This year it won't be necessary! The news columns of the Bayonet last week announced that hundreds of families in Columbus would open their "family corners" to Fort Benning soldiers next Sunday. The theme of the idea bespeaks the wholesome relationship which Columbus citizens feel for those of us in training at Fort Benning.

"There will not be a lonely soldier at Fort Benning on Sunday, December 27th" sounds a bit lush but nonetheless the theme is wholehearted. Hundreds of Columbus "Moms" and "Dads" have sons in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard; many of these sons are far overseas, some have been maimed by enemy bullets, others are "missing." These are the people, just like our own Mothers and Fathers, who are opening their hearts to us.

The folks in Columbus want us to join them in dinner on Sunday, the 27th. Instead of propping ourselves on the edge of our bunks in the barracks, we'll be able to lounge in some "Dad's" favorite chair in the living room and read the comics or pet the family dog. Then we'll enjoy a swell dinner with some Mother who will have spent hours planning and preparing. Turkey or roast pork always tastes different at home—and next Sunday we've been invited to make our "homes" in Columbus. So let's join in the spirit of the occasion.

'America Must Win' Echoes From Tomb

"America must win this war. Therefore I will work; I will save; I will sacrifice; I will endure; I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone."

The above statement is an entry from the diary of a common soldier, Martin Treptow, and was found on his body after the battle of Chateau Thierry in World War I. It was considered significant enough to be made part of the Congressional Record, as of February 13, 1942. An unknown soldier of this war has added a thought that is pregnant in the minds of many World War II doughboys, and directs his voice toward the civilian worker in our great factories.

"And if our lines should form and break. Because of things you failed to make. An extra ship, a tank, a plane. For which we waited . . . all in vain . . . And the supplies that never come . . . Will you then come and take the blame? For we, not you, will pay the cost Of battles YOU, not WE, have lost!"

Cand. Roger E. Groth
18th Co., 3rd Bn.
1st S. T. R.

Just Wondering

I wonder why the world seems bright
In cheerful homes on Christmas night,
Where cozy log fires crack and roar
And welcome's written on the door.

I wonder why, when all is quiet,
The snowflakes soft and fluffy white
Come falling, whirling, gently down
To spread a blanket o'er the ground.

I wonder why that just a tree
In dazzling lights and brilliancy
Can ever be so gorgeous, bright
A symbol that it's Christmas night.

I wonder why the church bells chime
Their carols sweet; at Christmas time,
To tell you that it's time again
For peace on earth, good will to men.

I wonder why, when far away,
Your thoughts turn homeward Christmas day:
To mother rocking in her chair
Wishing, praying you were there.

I wonder why we hail the king
Saint Nicholas who reigns supreme
Upon his throne so happily—
To him we pledge our loyalty.

I wonder why when we're asleep
The reindeer o'er the rooftops creep.
With Santa and his sack of toys
For all the little girls and boys.

I wonder why a boy should kiss
A very charming, lovely, miss
Because she stands 'neath mistletoe
Like the legend of long ago.

I wonder why we spread good cheer
To loved ones that we hold so dear.
I wonder why we pray in vain
To live and be just kids again.

Sgt. Harry R. Chard,
7th Observation Squadron

Our family is bigger now than before—
A family of countries united in war.
The best gift to give these United Nations
Is found in the way we share our ration.
It's to carry out in our year-round living
The unselfish spirit of Christmas giving.

Christmas—1942

The flame leaps high from thick birch logs
The winter's cold is locked outside
And all things stay from brittle cold
Stay near the warmth, and therein hide.

The family grouped around the fire
Makes loud the wooden rafters ring
Tis Christmas Eve—O Precious night,
With joy the Christmas Songs they sing.

And listen while the Elder reads
The story of the Saviour's birth
In Bethlehem . . . so long ago
... TO BRING GOOD WILL . . . AND PEACE
... TO EARTH.

And as the story comes to life
There . . . hear the fire's flick' ring flame
The star appears . . . in brilliant light,
The same as there . . . the very same.

A star to guide, to point the way
To manger where the Saviour lay
To show to men the place where born
Was God's own Son, that early morn.

And when the Wise Men saw that light
Of single star . . . so clear . . . so bright.
Upon that sacred . . . silent night,
They knelt to pray, for by God's might
Was born the Saviour of the Right.

But there has been a change in time . . .
Until this year, our year of war
Which finds us locked in battle's grip
To hold on high the Christmas Law.

Lie shepherds . . . then . . . who left the hills
We leave our flocks safe in the fold
While, we, ourselves, gird armor on
To serve the cause . . . OUR PEACE TO HOLD.
Then . . . As the Wise men did that day,
We bow our heads . . . We kneel to pray,
For strength to serve our Righteous Cause
The same as they.

You and I are the fighting strong
Seeking to stamp out hate and wrong
Pledging our strength . . . we join the throng
Raising our voice in Freedom's Song.

O Lord, upon this Christmas Day
We ask Thy Blessing . . . KEEP US FREE
That we can live in brotherhood,
In Peace, In Liberty.

God guide us through the year ahead
Give us the strength and might
To save our land . . . preserve our cause.
For justice . . . AND THE RIGHT.

On high, Old Glory flies unharmed,
Our flag, long may it wave,
The symbol of the Good, the Pure,
The Faith We Pledge To Save.

The Faith, through hell of war ahead
Will stay, unfurled, on high . . .
That PEACE ON EARTH . . . GOOD WILL
TO MEN
Will live . . . SOMEDAY . . . NOT DIE!

And though the road be long and rough
We pledge, in this, our Pray'r . . .
On Christmas Day . . . in years to come
OUR FLAG WILL STILL BE THERE.

Thus do we lay aside our guns,
Our tanks, our planes . . . this day.
On foreign soil . . .
On land . . . On Sea,
To kneel down as we pray.

Yes, on this Christmas we are free
And by God's Will shall ever be.

We pledge our lives . . . if that we must.
OUR VICTORY . . .
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Our enemy is a human being who can be outwitted, outguessed and outmaneuvered. "Horse-sense" coupled with our acquisition of technical knowledge at Fort Benning will heighten greatly our chances of emerging victors. The enemy has all the weaknesses susceptibility and gullibility of the human being and we can fool him.

Superior thinking gave us skyscrapers, radio and electricity as well as countless other things and superior thinking will enable us to preserve our precious Americanism.

Instructors of the O. C. S. are striving to impress upon each candidate the urgent need for mental alertness at all times. Human minds direct machines, compel strategies, erect fortresses and steer armies; only by thinking—the dearest, smartest, kind of thinking will our army beat the enemy.

No matter what our individual missions may be, nor to what distant regions we may be assigned, for the sake of our friends and relatives, of our men in ranks, for the sake of our American principles, for God's sake, let's use our brains!

O. C. S. Staff Sgt. J. Wojcik.



USO Presents—

POP-CORN AND DANCES FOR A REAL CHRISTMAS

By CPL. SOLOMON KLEINDORF

This week at the different USO Clubs in Columbus and Phenix City there really will be a big Christmas with all the clubs doing their best to take the place of the homes we miss so much at this time of the year . . . At the YWCA there will be special parties for the Army wives and their associates at the club . . . On Thursday, a Christmas luncheon for the wives and plenty of fun. This starts at 1 p. m. and ends about three hours later . . . Friday, there will be what is known as open house. Fires will be made in all the fire places, stories will be told and pop-corn will be popped. This takes place in the evening and is just what the name implies. Open house for all who care to attend.

The only report about Christmas coming from the USO-Salvation Army in Phenix City tells us there will be a party and much the same activities that the rest of the clubs will be having . . . This will have to be excused as the program director left for the Carolinas in very short notice and George Hardin, the new program director, hasn't got around to letting me know what is going on . . . But there is one thing I can tell you and that is, if you want to hear some very good music be on hand Saturday evening for the Station Hospital String ensemble.

Another club handing in a negative report is the USO-Army and Navy Y . . . This club will have a Christmas party, consisting of . . . At the 9th St. USO Club start-

ing the holidays off right, the two-Nine band will play and all the good soldier boys and the Military Maids will make merry upon the dance floor . . . The following morning (Friday) the Red Cross workers will be on hand to serve hot coffee and—no relief, that hangover. From 3 to 8, the same day, the ladies committee will serve cakes, candy, and nuts . . . At 9:15 all the boys and girls will get together . . . to watch a movie . . . And last but not in the least bit smaller than the rest—Saturday will see the post-Christmas dance . . . And that means after-Christmas — not the Fort Benning Christmas dance. Don't feel bad, I made the same mistake when I heard about it.

The last item for this week is the very swell way in which the USO-Salvation Army Club in Columbus has done up their club . . . Here is one place you can sing "White Christmas" and mean it. They have a big white Christmas tree in one corner of the club and plenty of mistletoe and holly around . . . Bring your girl down and get her under some mistletoe and then go to town. Thursday the club is planning a small service and then a Christmas pageant . . . Friday is open house and they will have just about the same as the rest of the clubs . . . Saturday and Sunday the big event is the arrival of Jim (I never could find out his last name), much to Mell Talbot's satisfaction.

Merry Christmas—and don't forget to register at any one of the USO clubs for the big time to be had this Sunday.

Eve Says—

HOT BATHS, BUTTERED TOAST THE SWEETEST GIFTS OF ALL

Christmas on an army post—Santa Claus, lighted trees and fulfilled wishes is Christmas to children wherever they spend their holidays—comparison of gifts with their friends down the street—small mouths stuffed with hard candy—sturdy legs pumping wheel toys, the precious reminders of priorities that will be missing from the holiday scene next year.

Tired and happy parents—tissue paper, sad in their eyes—tumble the bits of colored and gilt ribbon. They served their purpose for a brief moment of ecstatic anticipation. Mother is happy over the pile of gifts that proved she was still the lovely lady in the heart of the man she loves. Dad is touched with the evidence of his children's pride in his military standing. His gifts are so completely military.

Soldier's wives, mothers and

sweethearts—they're happy and grateful to be with their dear one. This is a different sort of Christmas for them. Bewilderment and awe are in their eyes as they take in the military picture. How terribly different from the Christmas they've always had at home. All they have is the soldier himself—none of the familiar customs of their home at holiday time—none of the busy preparation of meals, of visits with friends. They grin at the contact with strangers and hold to the thought that they can talk things out and at last have their questions answered. Letters tell so little. They're comforted that he finds happiness in this man's world.

Soldiers who enjoy the comradeship of filled barracks—soldiers greedily enjoying the luxury and plenty of the Army Christ-

Chaplain's Corner.

NO SANTA CLAUS

Chaplain Frank M. Thompson

The world today is very much upset.

We hoped for peace, there came a sword, Goodwill and still there grows discord. The snow with bloody slaughter red, Passion is rampant, God is dead, so it would seem.

But think what the world would be if the angels had never sung their message of peace and goodwill over the plains of Bethlehem; if the Christmas spirit had never spread over the earth, giving birth and fostering hospitals for the sick and the maimed, homes for crippled and neglected children, a thousand and one philanthropic institutions for the alleviation of human suffering and the bettering of social conditions. Yes, in the midst of all the turmoil and tragedy there is a spirit that makes life safe, helpful, hopeful, beautiful. And this spirit will continue to stir the hearts of men until His will is done on earth as it is done in heaven.

There is a Santa Claus. A multitude of children on the morrow will bear witness to the fact. At the break of dawn they will steal down stairs, cross the room to a tree all colorful and with shouts of glee gather gifts left them by the man of their dreams. He would not dare disappoint these little ones "Glory to God in the highest."

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;

If you haven't got a penny, a ha' penny will do, If you haven't got a ha' penny, God bless you.

mas dinner—soldiers, shy and reserved, longing for privacy. The greatest gift they could think of for the holiday would be a hot steaming bath in luxurious privacy of their own bathroom. They'd trade the entire holiday dinner for a slice of hot buttered toast at their own breakfast table. Soldiers hungry with longing for their wives and sweethearts, for the tart comments of their wise mother.

Gifts shabby from handling—sad little packages wrapped in crumpled paper and tied with bits of string—Broken packages—beautiful packages, gay with color and ribbons, securely packed—boxes of stale commercial Christmas cheer, crumbled store cookies, talcum powder, and strange cheap soap—razor blades that fit no known razor—silly kits filled with unusable gadgets—wonderful gift boxes filled with rich candy and cookies, evidence of family

Day-Room Duds

Sgt. Harry R. Chard

"Why did you take Brown's cigarettes out of his locker?"

"I don't know, Sarge, unless it was the gypsy in me."

Inspecting officer: "This pistol is dirty! Look at it!"

Rookie: "That's alright, sir; I'll take your word for it."

1st prisoner: "What are you in the guard house for?"

2nd prisoner: "Because the colonel told me to have his horse shod."

1st prisoner: "That's no reason, is it?"

2nd prisoner: "Yeah, but I misunderstood him; I thought he said 'shot'."

BLACK MAGIC

Hambone, the champion crap shooter of the regiment, was teaching Rastus, the new Rookie, the art of rolling the African dominoes. He told him a seven or eleven won, and a deuce or trey lost.

Rastus picked up the dice and shook them like a professional, snapped his fingers and said, "I don't want no chance."

Hambone eyed him for a moment, then said, "Lissen, heah, nigrab; is yo' all sho you don't know nuthin' 'bout dis game? If you is, den you sho de hell am learning fast!"

EPITAPH

Here lies all that's left Of Pvt. Bennie McShoot. 'day he left an airplane Without a parachute.

The cook is getting crummy, The chow is getting bum, The mess sergeant's in the hole And his slogan's "Feed 'em slum."

"I'll get a kick out of this grinned the garrison guzzler, as the general court martial found him guilty."

And when the top kick announced that the articles of war would be read, the recruit piped up, "What war?"

This old world we're living in Has turned out mighty well; Corn like makes you happy And also feel like hell.

"They tell me the sergeant major or that bugler who always used to argue with him buried the hatchet."

"Wrong; They buried the bugler."

"Private Plunk told the waitress at the Fort Web post exchange that she would have to pardon him for drinking his coffee out the cup, that he didn't have time to pour it out in his saucer."

Hostess: "Corporal, do you prefer an outside room?"

Corporal: "Guess not, ma'am; looks sorta like rain."

'Twas the night before Christmas And all through the flat It sounded just like Casey Had homer-ed at bat.

"Well I guess I'll hit the hay," chanted the chauffeur, as he lost control of the G. I. truck and headed for the forage shed.

Which sentence is correct? "The K. P.'s worked like hell today," or "like hell, the K. P.'s worked today."

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

Upon arriving at the office I was very surprised to find Colonel T. P. Swampwater in a state of great perplexity.

"Sergeant," he says, "I've been up all night worrying over a very profound and complex problem."

"Yes sir," I said, trying to humor the old boy, and at the same time being consciously cognizant of the colonel's bewitching habit of looking at his nose with both eyes.

"I can't exactly generalize to any extremes, sergeant, but I've been wondering in a curious way, just what soldiers think about while they are standing in line in front of the main post theatre."

"Sometimes they think about Rita Hayworth, sometimes Hedy Lamarr, depending on which picture is playing," says I.

"Hell sergeant! I've got to have facts! I can't gauge the army's matinee morale on your generalities. I want you to find out what picture is playing and go over there and get me a first hand report of the whole situation."

"Yes sir," I said, "GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE with Ann Sheridan."

"What in blazes, sergeant!"

"That's the name of the picture, sir, you asked me what it was. You know, Jack Benny is in it too."

For a minute I thought the steam radiator was boiling over, but it was only the colonel clearing his throat. A signal he often used to let me know when an interview was over.

So I about faced, remembered that I'd forgot to salute, about faced again, remembered that I wasn't supposed to about face, saluted, and ambled out, fully aware.

That O' T. P. was looking a hole through the back of my head. About 3:30 o'clock that evening I arrived in the vicinity of the theatre to begin my job. A four abreast enlisted line was drooping from the ticket window to the bus station on my right and a two abreast officer line was drooping from the ticket window to goodness knows where on my left.

For my first Guinea pig, I selected a tall, tow headed tech sergeant from the paratroopers, in the right line.

denial of the precious sugar—warm hand knit sweaters and gloves—fuzzy soft slippers—a handsome watch—a fountain pen and a compact writing kit—a small Bible bound in soft leather.

Christmas cards—brave and gay messages from friends in strange and lonely towns—cards from relatives at home who are trying so hard to do their bit—cards from wives who include the good wishes of their husband with theirs, even though he's been overseas for months and she hasn't heard from him in weeks—cards from bewildered parents who are missing their sons for the first Christmas of nagging worry and loneliness.

Christmas on an army post—carols, lighted trees, services in the chapels—deep and reverent prayers in hearts that have faced the tragedy of their generation. Their prayers are for strength and courage to face the task ahead of them in making the world a place where Christmas will be a joyous celebration for all men.

"Whatta yuh thinking about?"

"Who in the hell wants to know?" he replied.

"Colonel Swampwater," I answered, slightly confused.

"Well tell him I quit trying to think after my first jump" drawled, said sergeant.

"Very well," I glared, moving on down the line to a rather dejected looking private.

"What's preying on your mind, soldier?"

"Yuh speaking 'to me, sergeant?"

"Yes, yer."

"Well, 'er I was just wondering if the popcorn was gonna be as fresh tonight as it was last night?"

"Undoubtedly, soldier, undoubtedly," I mused, glancing eagerly around for another victim.

I immediately spotted a rather solemn looking officer candidate near the end of the line.

"Colonel T. P. Swampwater wishes some information from you," said I to him.

"Yes, sir!" says he, snapping to attention. "The colonel's wish is my duty. I am Corporal Stanley MacGregor of the First Student Training Regiment O. C. Class 3462 J."

"That's fine," I said, "but the colonel wants to know what you're thinking about."

"The school solution, sergeant."

"Yes, I know, but whatta are you thinking about now, off duty?"

"Why about my commission! I'm gonna get one, aren't I? Don't the colonel want me to have one. I passed all my G. T.'s and—"

"Yes, That's all very nice, Mr. MacGregor, but what the colonel wants to know is what you're thinking about right now! While you're standing in this line!"

"Oh! That's different. Eh, well I guess I was thinking about Minnie. She's my girl. She's buying war stamps and bonds so we will have enough to get married on after I get my commission."

"That my friends completes my survey of the state of mind of the enlisted portion of the main post theatre line. I intended questioning the officer, portion, but decided against it, since I don't want to be any more confused than I already am when I make my report to the colonel."

Sgt. Tom McDonald

Peeks at Pics

It seems that this week runs to action in the pics playing the post. Starting with the rip-roaring story of "Pittsburgh." Action of the story follows the careers of three people, a girl and two men, who struggle valiantly and are eventually united by the war effort. Mariene Dietrich has the role of the girl, a miner's daughter. John Wayne and Randolph Scott appear as rivals for her attentions. Frank Craven is seen as a scientist and Louise Albritton is seen as that of a debutante. The leading trio appeared in "The Spoilers" and are now once more in romance, rivalry, and adventure together in the new film. The film's principal characters run parallel to the drama of the steel city itself and the climax of the interwoven with the mighty going-over to all-out war production.

Half-man and half-ape is the creature who represents "Dr. Renault's Secret." J. Carroll Nash, who has been hanging around for a long time and not very often getting a break, does the half-ape characterization. The character of Dr. Renault is played by the actor of Lon Chaney. Nash will have to come in for this pic as an example of his work. This week's lead is "Frankenstein" after which it was modeled.

The rip-roaring, gal-opin' hard-riding horse-oppy which plays on the other half of a double bill with "Dr. Renault's Secret" is none other than "Heart of the Golden West" starring Roy Rogers, Ruth Terry, Smiley Burnette, and supported by "Gaby" Hayes, Son of the Pioneers, and the Hall Johnson Choir. This western has an unusual twist which in itself is outstanding. Because of the enormous prices asked for the shipping of cattle by racketeers, Roy acts as an old-fashioned cowboy to the town and use it to ship cattle. That is the beginning of the end and also the beginning of all the excitement and fun.

See the Burning of Bagdad—looted by desert raiders. See the 500 harem beauties—held in silken bondage. See the Slave Market—and its captive beauties. See and hear the "Terrors of the Rack"—and its tortured victims. All this and action too. Praise the Lord and pass the word. The "Arabian Nights" starring Jon Hall, Sabu, Maria Montez and supported by Erik and Shemp Howard, will give you all this and throw in some wild making love too. The funniest scene in the pic is when Sabu sneaks into the harem in order to solve the mystery of all harem. He don't want to tell you about it because that will spoil it but I will say that it is the funniest, funniest scene ever made. You have probably guessed by

the obvious result of the survey was an attempt to make the low cost machines which could reduce the number of clerks and typewriters serving in these tasks. In May Captain Baumer contacted an office machine manufacturer to ascertain whether their equipment might be a solution, and in June The Infantry School sent him to take over administrative functions for the three Student Training Regiments, Captain Baumer had come to the Infantry School. Under the encouragement of Colonel Tupper, and with the approval of Major General Leven C. Allen, School Commandant, he arranged to have machines sent here on approval. After exhaustive testing he submitted a report explaining what he had found. In September the War Department approved the set-up, and early in October the Machine Service Unit began processing Officer Candidates.

The captain had discovered that the thirty most frequently used items of information required by the hundreds of odd forms could be covered by a single master plate. Accordingly, under the system he has instituted, each candidate when he enters the school, fills out only one individual record form containing all the information needed during his entire stay here. After this form has been checked against his permanent record for accuracy, the information is embossed on his master plate. As the various forms and rosters for all the various departments of The Infantry School are printed

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COMBINING GRACE, and charm with her difficult and amazing acrobatic dances, Maxine Turner appears with Olson and Johnson's Hellzapoppin', when the unit plays Fort Benning for five days starting Dec. 29. Miss Turner has appeared with Orrin Tucker, Russ Morgan, the Andrews Sisters, Glenn Miller, and Brenda Corbin. It is nothing unusual for Maxine to play before a soldier audience because in reality her heart is with the army. Her brother is in the air corps, and she is engaged to a G. I. in the ordnance.

Hilarious 'Hellzapoppin' Opens on Post Tuesday

The big news of the week is the arrival of Olson and Johnson's "Hellzapoppin'" for a five-day stay at Fort Benning, starting Dec. 29. The show is a traveling unit of USO-Camp Shows Inc. playing to soldiers around the country with admission free. "Hellzapoppin'" will play the first two days at the Main Theatre on the post proper. On Dec. 31, it will show at Theatre No. 1, in the Sand Hill area. The rip-roaring comedy will start the new year off right in Theatre No. 4 in the Harmony Church area, by playing there Jan. 1 and 2.

Produced under the personal supervision of the masters themselves, this is a riot of fun, laughter, and guffaws. It is packed with 30 headlines from stage, screen, and radio. Headed by Milton Douglas and Company Jack Leonard, the Emerald Sisters, the Three Grace Notes, Charles De Haven, Claire Louise Evans, Harry Hines, and Billy Potter, Maxine Turner, and the 16 Roxettes.

el of a new machine he had devised to simplify other phases of paper work, and he was sent to the factory of the same company to work out details for its manufacture. Soon after his return to The Infantry School, the captain received orders which will transfer him permanently to Washington for duty with the Methods Management Branch, Control Division, of the Adjutant General's Office to work on details for the establishment of his system in all officer candidate schools, reception centers, and in such other installations as may be recommended by the Adjutant General Board.

Ex.— (Continued From Page One) taken into confidence as a Samurai, because of his wounds in back play—high marks of distinction by Japanese standards—dominated Japan was seeking world realization. Few American military authorities had any conception of Japan's strength. The situation was alarming.

FIGHTING COMPELACENCY He came back to the United States in 1938 and traveled the length and breadth of the nation begging the people not to underestimate the Japanese. The situation was alarming. He came back to the United States in 1938 and traveled the length and breadth of the nation begging the people not to underestimate the Japanese. The situation was alarming. He came back to the United States in 1938 and traveled the length and breadth of the nation begging the people not to underestimate the Japanese. The situation was alarming.

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estimate their Nipponese neighbors across the Pacific. At the same time he was amazed at the number of young American army and naval officers who believed Japan could be subdued in three months. Smith continued to write and lecture upon Japan, seeking always to open the eyes that would not see. Then came Pearl Harbor. There was little need to say, "I told you so."

Thru— (Continued From Page One) in jammed restaurants in order to get their soldier-soldier husbands at Army camps such as Fort Benning. The nation's drivers—mostly in the eastern states—were still breathing heavily after the worst scare of the war as far as rationing was concerned. For a brief day and night, the OPA took away all gas except that needed for commercial vehicles. Drivers in the eastern states were incredulous, then mad and then—in most instances—patriotic when they were denied gas. But there was thousands of gas-hungry Americans who swamped the gas stations and filled their tanks to overflowing as soon as word of a threatened shortage reached their ears. Many a filling station attendant recalled drivers who jangled their crank handle and forth to get that last ounce in and make sure they got their Sunday drive.

Thompson wrote that they occupied a landing field and were joined by French officers and men. The officers gave them a royal spread and with ample wine toasted Col. Raff who was celebrating his thirty-fifth birthday and his twenty-first jump. Thompson concluded his story with: "As this is written we all have been put on the alert by a report that German planes have landed 100 miles away, in addition to being the nearest American troops to Rome's rear, we may also be the first to engage his men in battle."

Col.— (Continued From Page One) clate that yet but some day they'll be proud, no doubt of their day. Early last summer Mrs. Raff and the two boys left their quarters on the post and boarded a train for Richmond Hill, Ga., near Savannah where they now live, just in case some of their friends would address.

POPULAR OFFICER Col. Raff was a popular young officer here at Fort Benning and his associates, of course, are not all surprised that he is a real leader of men. They're not surprised either that his men like him and for proof that they do it's no military secret to say that they went out and presented him with a captured airport for his birthday present. His men, for good reason, call him, "Little Caesar."

"He never drank or smoked," said one of his former superior officers, "but Man, he could stay out later than any man at Benning and be fresh as a daisy the next day. He liked fun."

John Thompson was recently in a Chicago Tribune syndicated article of how he accompanied

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Candidate Cotton attended high school at Milton Academy in Massachusetts, and was captain of the tennis team his senior year. Attending Harvard University, 1928-29, he received a B. A. degree magna cum laude, specializing in philosophy. He received three minor "A"s for polo, being the captain the last year. The clubs he belonged to were the "Signet Society," "Hasty Pudding," "Phi Kappa," and "Phi Gamma Delta." He attended the Harvard Law School, 1930-33, receiving the LL.B. Degree, and was admitted to the N. Y. Bar in 1933.

As indicated before Candidate Cotton has had considerable experience in legal, governmental, and international affairs. Chronologically, he was a clerk in Washington, D. C. He was an assistant in a Paris banking house and had a minor job in the Secretariat U. S. A. delegation in the London Naval Conference of 1930. For three years he was a member of the legal division in Public Works Administration, Reconstruction

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Fort Benning Bayonet

Fort Benning, Ga., December 24, 1942.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,

Headquarters North Pole,
North Pole Service Command.

Dear S. Claus:

Realizing how busy you are at this particular time of the year in catering to all the kiddies and their young-again parents, I thought it might be helpful in your visit to Fort Benning if we sent along a list of suggested gifts for some of the sporting folks around this particular post. Of course, you can't possibly fill all these requests because of war shortages and rationing and so forth, but we'd all sure appreciate it if a good many of the folks listed below got what they wanted this year. Trusting this will prove helpful in your gigantic task when you start climbing down the mess-hall chimneys tonight, here goes:

LT. COL. CHARLES C. FINNEGAN, Post Athletic Officer—A football season that lasts the year round instead of three short months.

CAPT. HAROLD (Red) MILTON, 124th grid coach—Funds for a scouting trip so he can dig up some draftee prospects for next year's Gator eleven.

CORP. TOM MULVILL, 29th Infantry scribe and special service lad—A by-line in the Columbus Ledger.

ST. SGT. BILL MacFARLAND, the Doughboy Stadium sound engineer—A little black note book so he can jot down where he leaves his equipment.

LIEUT. FRANK SHANNON, Academic Regiment coach—Another Lefty Francis to replace the all-around diamond and court star who's about to leave for O.C. school.

LIEUT. LESTER SOLD, 2, 117th Infantry grid manager and court coach—A personal barber to carry with the team if they make any out of town trips.

GEORGE CARMACK, the sporting goods man-about-the-fort—A toy rabbit, more base hits, and two field goals in one game.

JOE CONNOLLY, another sporting goods M.A.T.F.—A free pass to all sports events at the post.

ROY CESTARY, The Gator grid great—Word that he's been accepted for Officer Candidate school.

JOE LIVINGSTON, Ledger sports ed—The chance to go on another hike with one Dottie Elliott.

TOM KINNEY, Enquirer sports chief—A package of B.C. to use for dual purposes: (1) If Georgia loses while he's watching them in the Rose Bowl, or (2) In case he gets a headache from over-reading that hotel fare.

JOE BRYAN, Blue Devil fullback—A scrapbook.

LIEUT. HENRY BOUDREAU, the M.P. chief and bowler de luxe—Some competition in the hardwood game.

"BAT" BATTINELLI, Two-Nine handball champ—Ditto Boudreau except on the handball court.

LIEUT. JOE ASHMORE, 29th grid mentor—A quarterback for the 1943 team.

"STOOP" BROWN, 117th's flashy end—A step-ladder so he can get 20 feet off the ground for passes.

LIEUT. JAMES BROOKS, Gator grid manager—More sponsors for grid games next fall.

CAPT. LEO GREGORY, 3rd Armored football coach—A whole team of Indians like Chief Carney.

BENNY ZIENTARA, Academic Regiment courtman—Long pants for basketball to hide that badly-legged appearance.

THE ALLIGATOR STAFF, 124th weekly paper—A magnifying glass so they can find Gator write-ups in this rag.

LIEUT. JACK GUSHIN, Benning Panther boss—Good files to sharpen the Panther claws.

CORP. SHORTY BURELL, Doughboy Stadium groundkeeper—More gridirons to line in his sleep.

BOBBY RALPH, 29th sub back—That "one and only" touchdown that was called back.

PAUL KORNMAN, Doughboy press box statistician—The power of decision in affairs de la femme.

LIEUT. J. W. SCHWEITZER, Bayonet boss—Sports copy before the deadline just once.

And there, dear Santa, is the list. Do with it what you will, and don't drink all the G.I. coffee tonight during your midnight visit.

Your obedient servant,
Ye Olde Sportscaster.

LT. Peter Zagar, former All-American tackle at Stanford University, is motor instructor in the Officers' Pool at Camp Roberts. Zagar played left tackle for the Stanford Indians for three years, and was coach of the freshman team in 1938. He was a member of the 1938 AAU track team which toured Europe.

Pvt. John Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y., and now stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla., is the world's heavyweight champion weight lifter. He won the title in 1941 when he set a new record of 1,015 pounds total lift. He successfully defended his championship this year while attending the University of Pennsylvania. Davis entered the Army Oct. 8.



CAPT. LOUIS "KID" ALBERT, former Army ring champ, gets the feel of the gloves again during a call at the offices of the Fort Benning Athletic Association.

QMC Captain Is Baker, Boxer of Army Renown

Capt. Louis Albert, who has been bussed around the bake ovens and classrooms of the Quartermaster Bakers and Cooks school at the post lately, is only a veteran soldier who over a quarter of a century ago was known as one of the Army's most prominent sports figures. Then he was known as "Kid" Albert and at one time he held both the lightweight and welterweight boxing championships of the service as well as being a contender for the world title in both classes.

For almost 35 years, with only a slight interruption, Captain Albert has been an Army man, and for every one of those years he has been a sportsman. About the first thing he did after arriving at Benning was to drop in the offices of the Fort Benning Athletic Association and offer his services.

CRACK REFEREE

Just recently at Fort Francis, Warren, Wyoming, he had been serving as a referee in the squared circles, and he rates among the best. Although he has just left for a few weeks' temporary duty at the American Institute of Baking in Chicago, he will be back at Benning in February, and no doubt will see much action as the third man in the ring during some of the big bouts.

His career in both military and sports circles is just as amazing as the man himself. Capt. Albert began his Army career in 1908, and also started his boxing career the same year while he was a buck private. His first fight of prominence came a couple years later when he whipped a lad named Collins for the championship of the Philippines.

CHAMP OF ORIENT

Later, by licking Machado, the champ of the Pacific Coast and Asiatic Fleet, "Kid" Albert captured the service championship of the entire Orient. He went on to China and Hongkong and other Asiatic cities, fighting everywhere, but he returned undefeated.

He kept rising to the top in the fight circles, and by the time he was ready to retire from the ring in 1914, Albert was not only champ of the Orient, but champ of the whole U. S. Army in both the light and welterweight classes. During his career, he fought 104 scraps and was never knocked out.

"PERFECT FIGHTING MACHINE"

Newspapers throughout the country heard of the soldier boxer and his exploits, and he was described in one paper as the "perfect fighting machine." But "Kid" Albert wasn't only a boxer. He was also an excellent track and field man. He held titles in the 120 and 440-yard hurdles and also set a new record for the mile run in the Philippines.

Capt. Albert stayed out of the Army for a little over seven months back in 1914, intending to concentrate on a professional ring career, but when he learned of the pending trouble in Mexico, the lure was too strong, and he returned to the service at it ever since.

MADE 1ST LIEUTENANT

After serving in the artillery and the cavalry, he was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps in 1915 and went into his chosen work, that of being an Army bakery expert. During World War I, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Q. M. C. and went to France with the Fifth Division.

Because of his great experience as a baker, he was placed in charge of a bakery company as well as a gigantic shop where he baked Army bread for the entire military district of Paris. Capt. Albert's Army has ever produced.

Ex-Champ Leads 1st STR Boxers To Ring Victory

Georgie Pace Defeats Dynamite Daniels In 5-Round Wind-Up

Paced by Georgie Pace, former world bantamweight champ and now their coach, the soldier sluggers of the 1st Student Training's battalion slugged their way to a team win over the Panther minions of Sgt. Eddie Jackson last Friday night in a thrilling packed card at the Harmony Church sports arena.

Pace, jabbed and stepped his way to a five-round decision over an old nemesis, Dynamite Daniels in an exciting wind-up match. The fight was fairly close most of the way, with the more spectacular Daniels, a former Golden Glove title-holder, catching the fans eyes.

DECISION UNANIMOUS

However, Pace fought in workmanlike fashion, and at times cut loose with some of the finesse and clever "in-fighting" that made him a world champ a couple years ago. The decision in favor of the ex-champ was a unanimous one on the part of the three judges.

The Panther sluggers, under the tutelage of Jackson, former sparring mate for Abe Simon, managed to win only one of the four team matches against the 1st STR. That came when Benny Zientara, a Newark, N. J. puncher, knocked out Eddie White in 2 minutes and 21 seconds of the first rounds.

CROWD OF 1,200

Although the rival teams were matched in only four bouts, some of their members fought in exhibitions against opponents from the 2nd STR. Several knock-outs on the seven-hour card kept the crowd of about 1,200 highly excited. The bouts were sponsored by the Fort Benning Athletic Association.

In other bouts on the card Leo Hunter (132) of Baltimore knocked out Dave Williams (126) of Port Allen, La., in the third round.

Horace Pierson (147) of New Orleans won via the t.k.o. route in the second round of his bout with Charley Dirckley of Wilmington, Del.

Benny De Shazer (148) of Newark, N. J., won a technical knockout over Edward White (146) of Richmond, Va., in two minutes and 21 seconds of the initial canvas.

Danny Harris (169) of New York took the nod over Jimmy Mitchell (174) of Los Angeles.

Oree Smith (159) of St. Louis won a decision over the 2nd STR's Tommy Stewart (156) of New York.

Terry Livingston (134) of St. Louis was awarded a seven-round decision over Joe Noble (130) of New Orleans.

The referee was Sgt. Johnny Wilson and Sgt. Bobby Cren, with William McClellan and Cpl. Mickey Maguire were judges.

Panthers Boast Strong Quintet

One of the strongest basketball teams on the post this winter is expected to represent the Service Battalion of the 3rd Student Training Regiment. Playing under the name of Fort Benning Panthers, the colored hoopers have been practicing now for several weeks and appear ready for top-notch opposition.

More than 45 men turned out when Lieut. Jack Gushin, Panther coach, issued the first practice call. Eventually, the tutor expects to cut to a varsity group of no more than 20, but meanwhile the larger squad continues to work out daily in the Harmony Church sports arena.

EX-RENAISSANCE STAR

The Panthers will be paced by an outstanding performer in Henry (Hank) Blackburn, a former Xavier College ace, who also spent several seasons with the famous Renaissance club, for years one of the nation's leading colored quintets.

Another flashy prospect for the Panthers varsity is Frankie Phillips, former New York City schoolboy star, who paced the service battalion lads on the gridiron this past fall. Lou Jackson, Hilbe Jones, and Lou Simmons are other leading prospects for the green and white court squad. The Panthers expect to meet some leading college colleges, and are also a pre-season favorite to capture the laurels in the colored post loop which will be sponsored by the Fort Benning Athletic Association.



WILSON "LEFTY" FRANCIS, named the athlete of the year in a Bayonet poll, is shown in his familiar wind-up pose that was the warning signal to enemy batsmen of a fire-ball pitch.

Breakers Down Hospital Quint

In a practice game at the post gymnasium Saturday night, the 117th Infantry quintet trounced the 24th General Hospital by a score of 41-27, making it three consecutive wins for the Breakers.

The Parachute School was the first to taste defeat at the hands of the 117th basketballers, 31-30. The next encounter was against Columbus High, which saw the Breakers whip the lanky high school boys by the score of 55-18.

In Saturday night's fray, with Hite leading the attack, the Breakers outlasted the 24th Gen. Hosp. with fancy passwork and accurate sharpshooting. The 117th seldom gave the medics an opportunity to pop them through the hoop. Very frequently they snatched the ball away from the 24th and would then streak down the court for another lay-up shot.

Almost every chance to play in the second half, Lt. Lester Sold also gave his second and third squads an opportunity to play under fire.

Prof Quintet Drops First Court Battle To Turner Fielders

The powerful court Prof of the Academic Regiment dropped their first decision of the infant season Saturday when they bowed to a surprising Turner Field quintet, 42-38, in a wide-open game played at the Albany (Ga.) High school gym.

Lieut. Frank Shannon, Prof coach, paced both teams in scoring with 14 points, but it was no avail. Shannon, former Westernberg (Ohio) College star, also played a great defensive game, especially in the second half while guarding Ed Brock of the Fielders. Brock made ten points in the first semester, but was held to three counters in the final periods.

The game was rough all the way, and the Prof lost Johnny Ossi, forward star, early in the game on personals. Also, they were off the mark in shooting fouls missing fifteen free throws in 25 attempts. Benny Zientara once again was a sparkplug for the Prof.

Stanley Chanowicz, star tackle on the Notre Dame varsity teams of '34 and '35, is now tackling clerical school, KP and other Army problems at Camp Barker.

Sport Fan Poll Picks Academic Ace For Honors.

Great Southpaw Hurler Won 25 Diamond Tills; Also Basketball Ace

Wilson (Lefty) Francis, two-sports star of the Infantry School Service Command's Academic Regiment, has been named Fort Benning's "athlete of the year" as a result of a poll conducted among post sports fans by the Bayonet.

Although many other athletes were mentioned in the voting, the 23-year old native of Corea, Maine, was way out in front of his nearest rivals in the final tabulations. Roy Cestary, star griddler for the championship 12th Infantry (Gators), ran second, and Benny Zientara, a team-mate of Francis on three squads, was in third place.

In the recent hustle-bustle of gridmania which swept the fort this fall, many folks overlooked the amazing performances which Lefty Francis turned in on the baseball diamond earlier in the year. But faced with selecting an "athlete of the year," fans could not deny Francis the honor.

His two sports were baseball and basketball, both of them games in which individual prowess is more noticeable than in football, but since this is an individual honor, it was fitting that the I. S. C. southpaw get the nod. Proof that he continues as Benning's top athlete is the fact that he is already coming back into the limelight as a member of the Academic Regiment's current court edition.

As a member of both the Fort (Continued on Page 7)

GREETINGS

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Confederate General to Pin Gold Bars on Son Saturday

Officer Is Last Surviving Member Of Lee's Staff

When Officer Candidate William C. Gellie graduates from the Infantry School on Saturday as a second lieutenant, he'll be getting in stride with his father, Major General O. R. Gellie, last surviving member of Gen. Robert E. Lee's staff.

O. C. Gellie, a member of the Third Student Training Regiment, has his goal set on a lieutenant's commission but will have to go a long way to match the record of his father, who was awarded a 600-mile railroad trip that smacked of the rigors of his military campaigns, 97-year-old Gen. Gellie, who finished the winding of Stoneval Jackson, arrived in Columbus last Saturday. He will attend his son's graduation to pin the gold bars on the new officer.

In a whimsical mood at the Raleigh hotel, Gen. Gellie made a wager with his son having to do with the number of casualties inflicted on a soldier with those his son hopes to make upon our enemies during this war. The General expressed hope this son wins the wager.

During the congested railroad journey from his Shreveport, La., home, General Gellie stood the 12-000 miles between Meridian, Miss., and Birmingham, and that's what he gets for not looking his way to the front of the line. So intense is the filial pride of this top soldier of a soldierly family, he would even have reached for the day coach ceiling all the way to be at that bar-pinning ceremony.

MILITARY FIGURE
The nonagenarian is a truly military figure in his grey uniform with three gold stars and an open wreath embroidered on the collar. He wears to all his "public appearances," but he won't make a speech. He merely gives a Confederate salute. During the whole of a lot of time turning down banquet invitations. General Gellie knows "Marshall" not only was associated with Lee for four years of war, but for two years afterward he attended Old Washington University, of which Lee was president.

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Yet he has lived almost a century and he didn't begin military life until he was 60. Ex-railroad man and former breeder of Jersey cattle, General Gellie played as a boy on the plantation in Mississippi next door to the home of Jefferson Davis. The pair were friends from childhood until the death of Davis.

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29th Infantry Tops Academic Eleven In Initial Soccer Tilt

Before a highly interested crowd in Doughboy Stadium last Sunday, Benning's soccer campaign opened with the 29th Infantry Blue Devils booting their way to an impressive 3-1 triumph over the Academic Regiment.

The game was well-played all the way, and the Two-Niners won out with superior footwork and better team-play. Shooters scored two of the goals for the victors, while Durkin accounted for the third tally. Snyder and Diehl were also outstanding for the 29th.

For the Profs, Sgt. Dumbier, coach and crack defense man, was a standout. The Academics scored their lone goal on a free kick which got by Ed Bettinelli, stellar goalie of the winners.

Trinity Episcopal Invites Soldiers To Yule Services

Special Christmas services to help all officers, men, and families at Fort Benning are cordially invited have been announced by the Rev. Mr. Harry G. Walker, pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church. The church is located at 1130 First avenue, Columbus.

On Christmas Eve at 11:30 o'clock there will be Holy Communion. A beautiful musical setting has been provided for this occasion.

Christmas Day at 11 a. m., Holy Communion will be held and from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m., Open House. Refreshments will be served through the afternoon and evening, and members of Trinity congregation will be present to exchange Christmas greetings with all who come and to help them spend a happy Christmas.

The Episcopal Service Men's Club room for the holiday season from 11 a. m. to 10 p. m., for the use and comfort of men in the service and their visiting families. The club is so situated that they do not have the use of such facilities.

Second STR Candidate At Pearl Harbor

By O. C. JULIAN S. BACH, JR. (Former foreign correspondent for Life Magazine)

War often comes in strange and devious ways. B. Duane of Cambridge, Mass., arose in Hawaii on the morning of Dec. 7 a year ago, he was thinking of the fact that he was to be married in San Francisco on the 8th and the furlough he was due to enjoy. In his barracks his bags stood packed.

When he awoke at his machine gun post on a Hawaiian beach at 6 a. m. that Sunday, it was presumably for the last time. Sitting on a portable radio and tuned in on the "Morning Melodies" program. They were just playing his favorite song, "Swanee on St. Cecilia," when Duane spotted planes approaching the beach.

As U. S. planes usually maneuvered in three or four groups, Duane thought that the identity of the aircraft became apparent when one strafed a nearby road, killing a civilian. Seeing four cars on fire, he seriously wounding one of Duane's men in the stomach and shooting the arm off another soldier.

At that moment "Morning Melodies" ceased. An announcer cut in: "Hawaii is under attack." Duane's first thought was to run, but he was held back by the fact that he was just the radio burst forth with the Star Spangled Banner.

Duane is now an Officer Candidate in the 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, Second Student Training Regiment.

Reading both fiction and heavy literature, including many text books on diverse subjects, popular with the enlisted men at Fort Benning, where more than 500 books are withdrawn daily from the Post Library.

Thirteen regimental teams were entered in intra-mural boxing title contests during the past season at Fort Benning.

LAFF OF THE WEEK—
FT. WORTH, TEX. (CNS)—Two rabbits escaped from the Medical Center experimental hutch here and hit the road, honeymoon bound. They had covered some 100 miles when they were captured along the trail they heard the baying of hounds.

"Look," said Mr. Rabbit, "we were born and raised in the Medical Center. Let's stay right where we are and let those babies."

The coy young rabbit bride blushed. "Let's wait until tomorrow, dear," she said, "and outnumber them."

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Sport Slants On The Camps

Jack Carveth, native of Toronto and dean of Detroit hockey writers, is now at the Reception Center, Ft. Custer, Mich., awaiting assignment. A former hockey player, Carveth covered his favorite sport for ten years for the Detroit Free Press, and for two years pounded out hockey stories for the Detroit Times.

Dr. David W. Jenkins, All-American center on the University of Missouri football team in 1941, is a student officer at Thompson - Robbins Field Artillery, Ft. Benning.

Pvt. Ray Moyle, Camp Roberts, Cal., golf ace, won a \$25 War Bond, when he captured second place in a medal play tournament sponsored by the Santa Clara (Cal.) Golf Association recently. Moyle, the only seaman in the tournament, shot a 73-74 for 36 holes, losing first place to Frank Hebert, San Francisco accountant, by only three strokes!

Pvt. Basil James, who once piloted such turf greasers as Alaskan and Whittoway, is now riding saw-horses in the Utility Shop of the Grand Central Induction Center, New York City.

Cpl. Dick Crayne, All-American at the University of Iowa in 1938 and later a pro football star with the Brooklyn Dodgers, is now the main cog of the Camp Crowder (Mo.) basketball team. Crayne, who is now in the Army, was football, basketball and track coach at Western Union college in Iowa.

Snapping into the win column after three straight defeats, the Ft. Niagara (N. Y.) basketball team took a hair raising 38 to 33 victory from the University of Buffalo cagers in Buffalo last week. The soldiers trailed at the half 24-20, but came back to take the lead, and never relinquished it until the final whistle.

Lefty—
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Benning Doughboys, the post baseball nine, and the I. S. C. this past spring and summer. Francis played a superb brand of baseball. Principally he was a pitcher, and as great a one as Gowdy Field fans had ever seen.

But he was also a fine all-around player, capable of filling in as an outfielder, and also a hard hitter.

WON 25 GAMES
Lefty was the mound, though, that the blond, chunky left-hander achieved his greatest glory. For the Doughboys, he was the star of the team. In the I. S. C. in the post league, he won 10 and lost only two. That gave him a mound record for four losses. And many of the victories were against crack professional and college nines as well as strong student opposition.

Lefty was also the strike-out king of the post. Early in the season he equaled the record of 19 strikeouts in 11 games. Then, by fanning 21 men in one game. Then a few weeks later, hurling against the 151st Infantry Headquarters, he shattered the record, and hung up a new mark of 22 strikeouts in one game. His 10.5 average was a 18.5 strikeouts per game, an amazing total against any type of opposition.

TWO NO-HITTERS
Not only that, but he twice entered baseball's mythical hall of fame during the 1942 season. His crowning achievement was a no-hit, no-run triumph over the I. S. C.'s arch rivals, the 29th Infantry. That was a nine-inning affair and a grand performance, but Lefty also chucked up a seven-inning no-hitter over the Medicos of the 21st General Hospital, and three times turned in one-pagers. One of the one-hitters was a perfect game until the last batsman faced Francis to spoil his effort.

With Francis pitching, the Benning Doughboys had one of their best seasons, and he was the biggest single factor in the tie drive to this one. The I. S. C. team later Typical of his story-book deeds was a Benning tilt with the Montgomery Rebels of the Southeastern League, when Francis stepped in as a pinch-hitter in the 10th inning of an overtime game, and proceeded to walk the right field fence for a home run to break up the game. But he did things like that all year, and justly deserves the honor of his latest title.

HEADED FOR O. C. S.
A likable chap, a grand athlete, and a good soldier, he has been recommended for the officer candidate course at the Infantry School, and will soon be lost to the Academic Regiment as a star on the court team. His performances last winter on the

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2nd STR Leaders Boast Good Court Entry In Leagues

The Headquarters Company Leaders of the Second Student Training Regiment continue to breeze through their schedule in the USO Basketball League and meantime are preparing for the start of play in the Fort Benning Cage League.

The Leaders defeated Headquarters Company of the 11th Armored's First Battalion in the city league last week, 33 to 15, and met Recreational Company of the 11th Armored in this week's game Wednesday, Dec. 23. It was the second straight win in this loop.

The club is entered in one of the loops of the Fort Benning conference. Paced by the same players who led the club to a championship last season, Cpl. Henry (Big Chief) Whitehouse, Pfc. John Hancock, The Mad Russian, and Staff Sgt. Herman Friedrich, the quintet is expected to provide plenty of opposition in the Benning wheel.

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Lawson Field Main Post Bus Service Begun

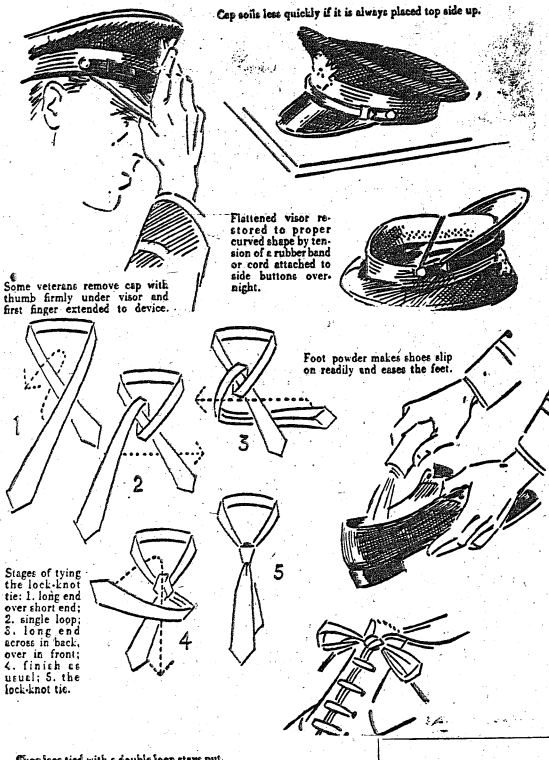
A new bus service for personnel in the Lawson Field area is being inaugurated from the main post has now been inaugurated. Busses on this service are marked "lock" and run only between the Lawson Field Recreation Hall and the bus station on the main post. Fare is 5 cents and no transfers are granted. It was explained. Those desiring the through bus service between Fort Benning and Columbus are asked to take the through busses that are marked "Columbus". The busses leave Lawson Field at 6 p. m. 6:25, 8:15, 9:10 and 11:10 p. m. They leave the Main Post at 5:30, 6:15, 8:05, 9:00 and 11:00 p. m. Stops are regularly scheduled at the Lawson Field Noncommissioned Officers Club, the Parachute Infirmary and at the 17th Infantry road but may be flagged at any corner.

When dressing a wound be careful not to touch the inside of the compress with the fingers or anything else.

When wounds are not opposite each other, place a separate compress over each.



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Smith-Petersen Assumes Post With Supply

Major Frederick A. Smith-Petersen, at one time salvage officer at Fort Benning, has received a new assignment in the supply division at the post according to an announcement made yesterday by Col. Stephen B. Massey, director of supply.

master, and now will serve as assistant chief of the automotive branch which is headed by Lt. Col. Ernest J. Rush. Until a few months ago, Major Smith-Petersen was in charge of all salvage activities for the Quartermaster Corps at the fort. Relieved of that assignment, he then attended motor transport school at the Atlanta Motor Base, and received advanced training in this work which prepared him for his new assignment.

A compress can be made big enough to cover a large wound by breaking the stitch which holds it together and then unfolding it.

'Esquire' Article Gives Advice for Clothing Care

How best to care for your cap, your shoes, your shirts, and other items of G. I. clothing is the timely topic of O. E. Schofield's article, THE FINE ART OF BUCKING, in the January issue of ESQUIRE. Veterans, says ESQUIRE, have learned lots of good techniques.

For example, the right way to handle your cap may seem inconsequential, yet the veteran doesn't think so. He places his thumb firmly under the visor and extends his first finger to the eagle of the cap device. This firm hold keeps the cap from being pulled out of shape and does not fingerprint the leather of the visor. Old soldiers always lay the cap down with the top side up. This keeps the cap from being soiled as quickly as when it is placed top side down. After an Army Navy or Marine cap has been worn for quite a while, the visor may flatten out. To restore the proper curved shape, fasten a rubber band or attach a tightly drawn cord to the two side buttons.

Most men don't like to fuss with a tie to keep it in place. The lock-knot is a good solution to this problem. . . the accompanying sketch illustrates how to tie it. Lots of yardbirds prefer to tie their shirts dry-cleaned so that the shirt has a better chance of staying in shape. They also contend that a dry-cleaned shirt is more comfortable for the wearer and presents a better appearance.

WOOLEN SOCKS

Woollen socks are preferred for various reasons. The fibers have absorptive qualities. Wool, having a certain springiness, serves as a cushion under the foot and makes walking great distances (whether it's a matter of maneuvers, or just hitch-hiking home) less tiring. A few subtly dropped hints among

the gals at home who knit should bring you a good supply of wool socks, says ESQUIRE.

A can of foot powder is worth its weight in gold to the average serviceman. Foot powder is a material aid to comfort and endurance during hard footwork. Shoes, particularly if moist, slip on the foot without much trouble if some powder is lightly sprinkled inside.

Shoes, of course, are a sore spot when it comes to inspection. Regular use of a shoeshine kit keeps the shoes polished and their owners free from demerits. Shoestrings tied in a special knot prevent them from coming undone, and have saved the day for many a glib, leatherneck, or soldier. An extra turn in the loop will make it stay put till you-know-what freezes.

Walters Tallies 21 Points As 507 Wins

The 507th parachute basketball team downed Pepsi-Cola by a score of 43 to 31 Friday night in the Independent cage league on the Corner Auditorium floor in Columbus.

The parachute five took an early lead and was never headed but the count was close during the last two quarters. Pepsi-Cola came within seven points of knotting the score in the last period but fell slightly more behind before the final whistle.

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Walters, Parachute forward, led front of all other sharpshooters in scoring when he ran up a total of 21 points. He was far in the game. Brooks, of Pepsi-Cola, was next in line with nine.

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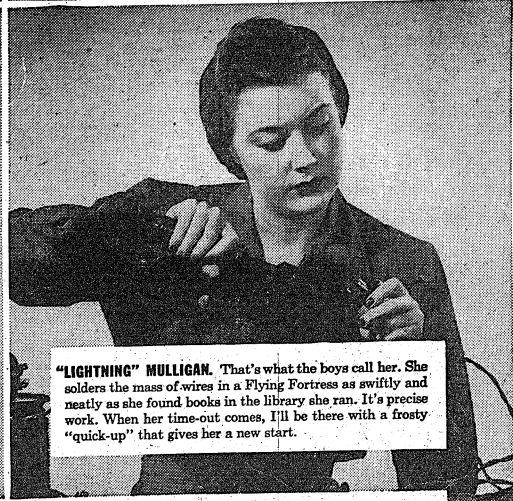
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Training Detachment Staff Has Excellent Instructors

The United States Army is bent on developing men of brains and strength to meet our enemies on the battlefield. However, Uncle Sam wants intelligence as well as brawn and good physique in his new Army.

In keeping with the widespread systems instituted by the Army, there is a specialized task at Fort Benning. Here many colored soldiers are being taught fundamentals of education, since many of them had small bits of formal education during their youth.

The Special Training Detachment, commanded by Major David G. Wilson, is believed to be the first unit of its kind in the country. Originated by the Fourth Service Command in September, the Training Detachment at Benning draws troops from all units of the Service Command in the southeastern United States.

Every day college-trained colored instructors—who are enlisted men in the grade which permits the educational program of the Detachment—hold classes for the men where they teach the rudiments of elementary education which the soldiers lacked when they entered the Army.

A balanced program of classroom work as well as physical training, drilling and the like, makes up the full schedule. Major Wilson has devised a twelve-week program for the bulk of the men assigned to his unit. However, if a man with a low intelligence rating can complete the course in a shorter period, he is then graduated earlier.

BASED ON SCORE
The assignment of troops to the Training Detachment is based upon the intelligence score of the soldiers in their Army general classification tests. Men who rate exceptionally low, but who may possess the potentialities of absorbing more education, are assigned to the Training Detachment for their own improvement. Upon entering the Detachment, each man is given a Placement test; the soldier then is given a comparative rating—to determine in which class he should be placed. Men with more education than others do not start out in the lowest section of the school, but are put in more advanced classes. As the course continues, regular weekly tests are given to determine the progress of each soldier. Upon completion of the school, the soldier is given an "achievement test." If the soldier passes it, he is "graduated" and sent to a branch of the Army to assume responsibility.

As the soldiers are graduated, they usually are slated for field troops or station complements. This type of school is not entirely new to the Army. Field forces have instituted similar organizations to help educate their troops. However, this Fourth Service Command unit at Benning seems to be the forerunner of others in various parts of the country, for the less-educated troops of these commands. There are two similar detachments at Fort Jackson, S. C., and at Camp Shelby, Miss.

"The principal thing we first endeavor to teach these men," Major Wilson observed, "is self-respect and dependability. These soldiers may not have had the benefit of much elementary education in their younger years, but from the point where they left off."

TAUGHT SELF-RESPECT
"Primarily," he continued, "all of the men must be taught self-respect. They all have a job to do in the Army and once they have polished their self-respect and established their dependability, they will be better equipped to go out and do that job."

In Major Wilson's headquarters is at least one veteran soldier. He is Master Sgt. Louis A. Scipio, a colored soldier with 28 years' service. A native of Washington, D. C., where he attended elementary and secondary school, Sgt. Scipio later attended the Medical School of Howard University.

Sgt. Scipio enlisted in the Army in 1914 in the Marine Barracks in Washington and was assigned to the 24th Infantry. He earned his promotion to sergeant in his first enlistment, and served with the 24th Infantry at Fort Benning until April of this year, a veteran of 28 years with the same outfit. In the Training Detachment, Sgt. Scipio is the chief clerk.

Among the instructors in the school are five enlisted men, all of whom attended college. Sgt. Walter R. Bennett, Jr., a native of Columbus, Ga., is a graduate of South Carolina State University at Orangeburg, S. C. He is now in the major's major and later taught in the public schools in Florence, S. C., before entering the Army. Sgt. Bennett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bennett of 726-4th Ave., Columbus.

Private Louis B. Small, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Small, of Georgetown, S. C., also attended South Carolina State University. He majored in secondary education in college, specializing in mathematics and sociology. A member of the cadre in the school, Pvt. Small is another of Major Wilson's teachers.

EXCELLENT TEACHERS
Private Willie Chiles, of Augusta, Ga., the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Chiles of 1322-11th Street, is another instructor. He is a graduate of Paine College, Augusta, where he majored in social sciences.

Another teacher is Private George Andrew Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis, of Route 1, Lancaster, South Carolina. Pvt. Davis graduated from John C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C.

Private Orven Godwin, another teacher, from Knoxville, Tenn., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Godwin, attended Georgia Normal School at Auburn, Ga., where he majored in English.

These well-educated soldiers in the Special Training Detachment have proved themselves fine teachers, according to Major Wilson. The soldiers vary their classes in mathematics, reading, and writing.

Although these colored enlisted men are being afforded an opportunity to practice their vocations, while they are in the Army, they form no small part of the Training Detachment which is endeavoring to provide the soldier-pupil the means to become better educated and prepare themselves for jobs in the war, as well as prepare them, in a

Parachutists Get Two New Towers

Two new, steel, training towers have been added to the ever-increasing parachute school facilities at Fort Benning. This brings the number of these 250-foot training devices to four.

One of the new towers is a controlled type and the other is a free one. On the controlled tower the students receive their first instruction. The individual is hauled up to 200 feet and released. However, control wires permit the parachute to move only in a downward direction. The free tower is designed so the parachute and student are released floating as one would from an airplane.

These structures are among the new expenditures by the Government for parachute training equipment. Most of the other devices have been developed by the school, built by school labor, and made from materials available.

The parachute packing sheds, are hangars borrowed from the Air Corps. The old sheds, which were used until recently upstairs in the hangar were originally out-fitted with plain wood. They are now made of steel and were a long time without type writers. Barracks to house the students were borrowed from the neighboring engineering and infantry. Mock-up training towers, and most of the other devices were made from material on hand and constructed by soldiers from the school. Yet week by week scores of the best trained soldiers are graduated as qualified parachutists.

1st Lt. Carroll York, assisted by Lt. Howard W. Chappell, and Lt. Charles V. Tillson, supervise training on the parachute towers.

Benning Gets Its Initial AAS Graduate

Fort Benning's Infantry School has no other more distinguished graduate than the Army's new Administrative School at Fargo, N. D.—they're both tough courses!

At least Second Lt. Albert Swallows, graduate of the first class from the school, is the first officer to be assigned to this post, revealed today that Swallows had completed plenty of field-work in their training for "desk" jobs.

Swallows arrived at the post today for his assignment at the Infantry School. He said that many of the officer candidates in the administration school had previous business management training.

"They certainly kept us on our toes," Lt. Swallows affirmed. A native of Crossville, Tenn., Lt. Swallows was inducted into the Army about several months ago and received his appointment to the school upon completion of his basic training.

Another graduate of the Administrative School's first class, Second Lt. George LeRoy Nicholson, of Tulsa, Okla., has also been assigned to Benning. Other schools are training officers in administrative jobs have recently been opened in other sections of the country.

30 Carrier Squadron Soldiers Win Promotions

The following promotions have been announced by the 5th Troop Carrier Squadron of Lawson Field.

To tech sergeant: Horace L. Mays and Donald Van Horn. To staff sergeant: Harold W. Clink, Thomas T. Crabtree, Herby V. Crum, Leland P. Deal, Manlauf K. Hill, Roland H. Strathman and Floyd Watson.

To sergeant: Martin E. Baker, Carl G. Busham, Harold H. Culver, Jack G. Huss, Harrell B. Jennings, Paul L. Kelly, Ned C. Miller, Robert A. Schaper and Nelson A. Warner.

To corporal: Joseph F. Giardina, Lawrence H. Golden, Lucien E. Griffen, Cecil L. Hill, Winfred B. Holder, Willis G. James, John C. Lorig, Charles E. Lucas, Charles R. Murdock, Jr., Frederick A. Sowa, Hayward M. Stone and Phillip H. Wagner.

Hamilton Assigned To McPherson
Lt. Howard E. Hamilton, who has been with the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning for the past 14 months, has been transferred to McPherson, Ga., it was announced today.

Lt. Hamilton graduated from the first Officer Candidate Class he has been active in sports at Fort Benning and since then has been a member of the football team. He produced a championship volleyball team while at "D" company and was a player-coach with the 1st Battalion baseball team. He now has been co-coach of the Cannon Company touch football team, which is hot on the trail of the Regimental championship.

One million Christmas parcels were included in the tons of mail sent overseas to American soldiers during October.

Wider sense for civilian pursuits which will come from the war ends.

Holiday Greetings The Infantry School

This second Christmas of the present war closes a year filled with accomplishments by The Infantry School, a year in which every officer and enlisted man on duty with this great institution has served without thought of self but with full consideration for the task to be done and the mission to be performed. The five-fold expansion during the past year has called for the complete support of each individual connected with the school. The well-merited praise of higher commands, as well as the complimentary remarks of visitors and students, indicate how well we have maintained the high standard of instruction in which staff, instructors, administrative units and troops have all played an important part.

With my wish for a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year, let me add my appreciation to each of you for your loyal support and cooperation.

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Major General, U. S. Army,
Commandant



IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A DOG
Lt. Suer (left), Lt. Savoie Watch Over Pup

Max 'Resting Comfortably' Long for His Parachute

Famed Dog on Mend After Car Accident

Max is on the road to recovery. Max is the German Boxer dog, mascot of the 50th Parachute Infantry, who gained nationwide fame as being the first dog ever to qualify as a parachutist after completing the required number of jumps from an airplane.

Proving once again the contention of the parachutists that more accidents occur on the ground than in the air, Max was struck by a hit-run automobile driver in the gray hours just before dawn a week ago—just as he was about to jump for three new recruits.

At first his case was believed hopeless. He was badly smashed up. His skull was thought fractured and his jaw, set the leg, gave intravenous feedings to supply food energy.

From all over the country came messages of condolence to Max. Pictures of the dog lying gravely injured ran in newspapers all over the nation. An American Legion chapter in Atlanta sent down a gnomer in Atlanta sent down a gnomer to be sure that medicines or other materials could be purchased if necessary.

HAS CHRISTMAS TREE
Probably the most touching tribute of all came from children at the Fort Benning school, who sent over a small Christmas tree, (sent dog-wood) fully decorated, and pictures of the children by paying them a visit a short time before he had been injured and this was their way of repaying the entertainment he had furnished them.

Today it appeared that, barring complications, Max will recover. He soon will be fed by his own food. But men of the 50th are preparing for the day when Max will be up and around again, his fighting spirit having won a bout with Death. And they're prophesying that Max will jump again.

And when he does, the newsreel companies promise to be back.

Lt. H. A. Gorman Returns To Post
Lieut. Howard A. Gorman has just returned to his duties at the post after completing a six-weeks course of instruction in industrial relations at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

The serving at Benning as officer is serving at Benning as assistant to the chief of the civilian personnel branch, which is headed by Lieut. Raymond L. Parker. During his absence at school, Lt. Gorman was notified of his promotion to the rank of first lieutenant.

A houseboat on the Nile has been opened as a club for warrant and non-commissioned officers serving with the American Army Forces in Egypt.

At Camp Livingston, La., Sergeant Robert Sullivan, grandson of John L. Sullivan, of the Sullivan family, was promoted to Private John W. York, cousin of Sergeant Alvin C. York.

24th General To Attend Victory Dance

The third in a series of monthly "Victory Dances," sponsored by the enlisted personnel of the 24th General Hospital, will be held Christmas night at 8:30 p. m. in the Georgia Power Company club rooms at Second Avenue and 18th Avenue in Columbus. The dance, in honor of Santa's annual visit, will be formal with the music supplied by the 17th Infantry Dance Band.

Both the Columbus Military Maids and the wives or friends of the enlisted men will be the guests for the evening. Mrs. J. W. Coppock will be the "mother" hostess and Mrs. Hugh Roberts, Jr., will act as the hostess for the guests.

The decorating committee, under the direction of Cpl. "Emmy" Moskowitz, will decorate the entire hall in natural Christmas foliage and holly. Refreshments in the nature of a light buffet supper will be served.

'Gators Plan Gala Christmas

The 124th Infantry, long noted for its rich traditions, is truly bringing the spirit of a traditional Christmas into its midst this year.

In the heart of the area is a large tree aglitter with lights and symbolic of the spirit that is evident in the decorating of all the company areas. Each company is competing for a prize for the most beautiful area and Col. John D. Hill will select the winning area from selections made by the battalion commanders and a committee judging the special contest.

Meat halls, barracks and streets are garlanded with holly and tinsel and Christmas bells, while windows frame wreaths and glow with candle light.

As each company has been busy so the offices of the Chapel have been planning and arranging for a great holiday. Christmas eve will witness a candle light service with the 124th Infantry Chorus, under the direction of Cpl. H. B. Williams, singing the loved seasonal carols.

Just prior to the reading of the immortal Dickens' "Christmas Carol," Christmas day will be marked by special service with the 124th Infantry Chorus, which has been decorated with evergreens and holly and with the ruddy Poesnietas banking the altar.

AMPLIFIER INSTALLED
Song will flood the area as an amplifier installed in the spire of the Chapel will send carols over the air to the whole regiment throughout the holiday.

Fulfilling an old army custom the Chorus will serenade the Regimental Commandant and the Commanding officers of the Post beneath the windows of their homes.

Captain Harold F. Milton, the Special Services officer, has made special arrangements with the 9th St. USO in Columbus for a Regimental Christmas Dance and despite the restrictions of transportation it is expected that the regiment will turn out practically en masse for the gay occasion.

The well known 124th Infantry Dance Band will solidly keep the tempo of the evening high.

The famed "Alligator," the 124th's newspaper, also is preparing an elaborate Christmas issue replete with some splendid art work and containing the finest of feature stories and crammed with news of the activity in the old "Gator" regiment as it rises typically to meet the spirit of the season.

Special Services Slated In Town Christmas Eve

There will be special services at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Christmas Eve at 8 p. m. for service men who are in town at the time. All others who are interested are invited to attend.

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'Speed' Is Secret Of 90-Day Wonder

He's a 90-day wonder, just out of Benning School for boys. How in the hell can a man become a good officer in just three months?

To that question, often put sarcastically, one word will suffice as an answer. That word is: "Speed!"

This is not a defense of Officer Candidate Schools. They need no defense. It is, rather, an attempt to remove any remaining doubts regarding the Army's system of incubating officers on a mass-production scale.

Officer Candidates move fast. They have to, if they cross the finish line. A great many of them are fast, and the Army must have them to remove any remaining doubts regarding the Army's system of incubating officers on a mass-production scale.

Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, must have had that in mind when he addressed a West Point graduating class. He said, in substance, "You're in fast company." He was referring to graduates of Officer Candidate Schools.

Here, roughly, is the rate at which OCS men of the 1st STR move: On opening day there are given brief orientation speech. Then they begin their first major course, map and aerial photograph reading. Seven days later they are expected to be experts. In the meantime they've studied hygiene and sanitation, principles of training, combat intelligence, field fortification and supply, besides regularly running the obstacle course, and taking calisthenics.

AVOID GIGS
But that isn't all. They must be perpetually neat and master the technique of avoiding "gigs," a full time job in itself.

The first seven days are, comparatively speaking, warm-up exercises for the work to come. In five days they learn the nomenclature, functioning and firing of M-1 rifle, a weapon many of them have never before gotten used to. The rank of Major becomes "bols."

The next 10 days are spent thorough learning the 30 calibre light anti-aircraft machine gun. Most of them have never touched machine guns before, but in 10 days they are expected to qual-

ify as marksmen. Most of them do, many of them become experts.

In six days they cram down such diverse subjects as "Supply, Regiment in Defense," "Troop Movement, Motor," "Company Management," and "Night Training of the Individual Soldier." At the same time they are expected to become accomplished technicians with the bayonet, grenade and the crowning Automatic Rifle. By this time they've learned to take "gigs," surprise formations, the obstacle course and calisthenics in stride. They've learned that "speed" is essential. They've developed the capacity to learn to fire—and accurately—within 60 minutes. They've learned that "speed" is essential. They've developed the capacity to learn to fire—and accurately—within 60 minutes. They've learned that "speed" is essential. They've developed the capacity to learn to fire—and accurately—within 60 minutes.

After they've finished studying weapons, they're ready to start to work. They still have tactics to learn—dovetailing into each day, of course, more work on supply, chemical warfare, company management, etc. They still have to run the "Blitz Course," and struggle with the "funnel course." Graded tests come in quick succession, inspections keep them on their toes, strenuous "walks" keep them physically fit, and the prospect of failure keeps them perpetually worried.

These are just a few of the "obstacles" an OCS man must surmount. There are many more, but you get the general idea. By the time they've received their commissions they've almost forgotten what it means to walk, dress and eat leisurely. They've been primed for three months to work at capacity speed, and that's the way they'll continue to work "for the duration and six months."

CAPT. ALLEN NAMED IN PROMOTION
Captain William A. Allen, a member of the 54th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron of Lawson Field has been promoted to the rank of Major. Maj. Allen, Personnel and Insurance officer has been stationed at Lawson Field since July, 1942. Prior to his present position was adjutant. Major and Mrs. Allen reside at 1032 Henry avenue, Columbus.

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Hamilton Assigned To McPherson

Lt. Howard E. Hamilton, who has been with the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning for the past 14 months, has been transferred to McPherson, Ga., it was announced today.

Lt. Hamilton graduated from the first Officer Candidate Class he has been active in sports at Fort Benning and since then has been a member of the football team. He produced a championship volleyball team while at "D" company and was a player-coach with the 1st Battalion baseball team. He now has been co-coach of the Cannon Company touch football team, which is hot on the trail of the Regimental championship.

One million Christmas parcels were included in the tons of mail sent overseas to American soldiers during October.

Wider sense for civilian pursuits which will come from the war ends.

Thrilling Film Made Available To Post Units

Organizations at Fort Benning desiring a thrilling film may obtain 48 minutes of entertainment from the Special Services Office, it was announced today.

The film, put out by Philip Morris cigarettes, is available free to any group on the Post. It has a football review of 1941, rodeo thrill acts, movies "Monarchs of the Prize Ring" and other entertainment interwoven. The film is 16 mm.

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Yuletide Greetings The Parachute School

I desire at this time of year to extend to all the officers, enlisted men and civilian employees of The Parachute School my best wishes for "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

Since May 15, 1942, we have witnessed a 100% expansion of The Parachute School. At times, this appeared impossible to accomplish. Through the hard work, cheerfulness and willing cooperation of each and every one of you, The Parachute School has never failed to meet any requirement it was called upon to face. We have all worked as a team with only one end in view—to graduate qualified parachutists.

Let us resolve that we will meet the duties and responsibilities of the New Year with the same spirit of loyalty and cooperation that all have manifested during this first year of The Parachute School. Let us all work together so that every individual and each Department will contribute everything possible to maintain the excellent record that we have built for The Parachute School.

G. P. HOWELL
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commandant.

Insurance Officers Must Make Selves Known To Units

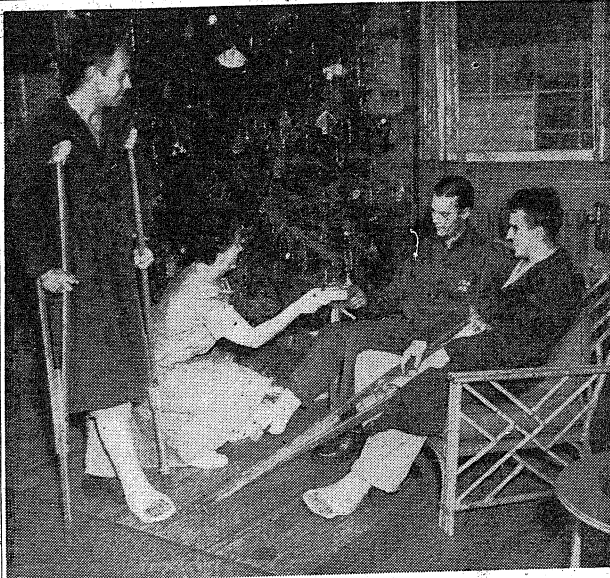
Insurance officers of various units on the Post were asked today to notify all personnel of their organizations as to their identity and let it be known where they can be reached.

Many of those appointed as insurance officers have failed to carry out such a plan, so that many officers and enlisted men of different organizations are forced to come to Post Headquarters

for information, Lieut. S. J. Marley, post insurance officer, said today.

"Since this is a War Department desire that all men have easy availability to an insurance officer in their own organization, these officers should take means to make themselves known to their personnel," he said.

Response is growing daily from the insurance campaign being conducted on the post, Lieut. Marley reported. He urged again that all Army personnel put their affairs in shape before leaving for the port of embarkation where it may prove impossible to fill out forms properly at the last moment.



THE RED CROSS brought Christmas right up to the back door of patients in the Fort Benning Station hospital this week. Here is a scene in the Red Cross recreation room at the hospital where a big Christmas tree, with decorations, presents and all the trimmings—was erected by Workers. Miss Rose N. Dunn, one of the most able of Red Cross workers, is shown under the tree handing Pvt. Richard Kennedy, Fort Benning paratrooper, his Christmas present. At the left is Officer Candidate William Wedding, while Pvt. Thomas Ryan, another paratrooper, looks on at right. The scene was typical of many repeated throughout the hospital over the Christmas holiday as the Red Cross worked day and night to prepare a special program.

Hospital Red Cross Is All Set To Give Patients Gala Christmas

Hundreds Of Gifts Are Ready; Tinsel Trees Placed In Wards

Plans for a full and varied holiday program have been completed for the patients of Station Hospital. The Red Cross, under the supervision of Mrs. Francis Hattaway, Assistant Field Director of the Red Cross Hospital and Recreation Corps with the aid of various groups in Columbus and on the Post will make this a homelike Christmas for each patient in the hospital.

At 7 o'clock Christmas Eve a party will be given in the Red Cross Recreation Hall. One of the features of the program will be the singing of special Christmas music by a group of colored soldiers. Piled around a large and beautifully decorated Christmas tree will be hundreds of gayly wrapped gifts. A Santa Claus with a special flair for comedy will distribute these gifts along with

Gen. Fulton Issues Share Ride Warning

Urging that "share a ride" arrangements be made in order to assist in the national gasoline emergency, Brigadier General Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of Fort Benning, today quoted a War Department bulletin to all troops and civilian personnel on the post regarding the situation.

"Bona-fide ride sharing arrangements must be worked out, and other usual requirements met," the War Department letter said. "Cars with supplemental books have been noticed going in and out of the reservation without passengers. All personnel are advised that an investigation may be made as to the eligibility of drivers who are not complying with regulations to retain or renew their supplemental books."

stockings filled with candy, fruit and various small gifts.

Staff members of the Red Cross Hospital and Recreation Corps, assisted by the nurses, will distribute gifts from the tree on the wards where patients are unable to attend the party in the Recreation Hall. At nine o'clock, when the bugle plays "Tattoo" for "Lights Out," two groups of nurses, trim in their uniforms and capes, will sing carols between the wards. At midnight a special Christmas Mass will be held in the Recreation Hall. Chaplain Ignatius McCarty will officiate.

YULE SERVICES
At ten o'clock Christmas morning services will be held with Post Chaplain Frank M. Thompson delivering the sermon. A vested choir from the Post Chapel, under the direction of Mrs. Harley A. Twedt, will provide special Christmas music. Christmas night thirteen students from the Columbus High school, under the direction of Miss Clothilde Hair, will present a Christmas play.

The holiday schedule follows:

Saturday night, Dec. 26, the movie "Tales of Manhattan" will be shown.

Sunday night, Dec. 27, is Open House with the Station Hospital Orchestra playing. Refreshments will be served to patients and their guests.

Monday night, Dec. 28, The Matag Club is sending out its full floor show which promises to be an outstanding event.

Tuesday night, Dec. 29, The Southern Manor will present its complete floor show in a clever and entertaining review.

Wednesday night, Dec. 30, comes the popular movie, "Take a Letter, Darling."

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday night, a gala New Year's Eve party is planned with decorations and entertaining turning the Recreation Hall into a cabaret. Plenty of noise makers, balloon barges, paper hats and the Service Club No. 4 Orchestra promise to make New Year's Eve in the Station Hospital a happy event for those patients well enough to be up and around. For those patients not well enough to be up an appropriate program will be taken to the wards.

Families and friends of the soldiers in the hospital will be glad to know that nothing has been spared to make the holiday a hap-

py one. Many of these soldiers are spending their first Christmas away from home, and Col. E. A. Noyes, Commanding Officer of the hospital, and the Red Cross Staff have tried in every way to show their personal interest in each individual patient.

Second STR Announces Full Holiday Slate

A full program of activities will keep officer candidates of the Second Student Training Regiment busy over the Christmas holiday.

Religious services are particularly featured, starting with Christmas Eve services at midnight Thursday night. The Second Student Regiment's choir will sing a full Christmas program at a midnight service for Protestants in Chapel No. 2 at which Regimental Chaplain Edwin L. Willson will officiate. There will be another Protestant service at the same time in Chapel No. 4 with Chaplain William F. Willingham in charge, while Chaplain John M. McMahon will be in charge of the traditional Catholic mass at Chapel No. 3.

On Christmas morning there will be Catholic masses at 7 and 7:30 a. m. in Chapel No. 3 and at 8 p. m. in both Chapels No. 2 and 4. There will be a Christmas morning Protestant service at Chapel No. 3 at 9:45 a. m.

The big Christmas day feast for all companies will be served at 2 o'clock, featuring turkey with all the trimmings, combining dinner and supper in one large meal.

Later in the afternoon gala entertainment will be offered in the Sports Arena in the Harmony Church area when the nationally-famous band of Louis Armstrong will play for the entertainment of soldiers of the area from 2 to 6 p. m. At 3 o'clock he will be offering a broadcast for national consumption over the Blue network.

Colored Troops To Observe Christmas Tide

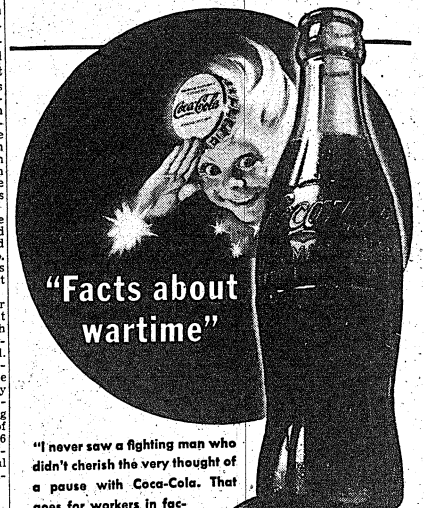
By CPL SMITHY NORTON
Peace on earth good-will toward all men. This is Christmas week and once more the people of the world will observe the birth of Jesus Christ. The men of our armed forces are being remembered by folks at home. Cards, packages, and letters will bring much joy to soldiers in service.

This week at Fort Benning the various Army organizations have planned special programs and the

week will be religiously observed. The men of the Post Detachment will be served a deluxe dinner and the NCO's club house will be open for members and visitors.

In the Reception Center Recreation building a Christmas program by casuals will be presented Thursday. On the Christmas eve the Reception Center Chorus will be featured in the Army-Navy Y. M. C. A. broadcast. The City hospital patients and those confined in the city jail have planned Christmas services will be cheered by members of the RC chorus. The colorful moments at Fort Benning will be the R. C. chorus caroling Dec. 24 from 11:20 p. m. until the dawn of Christmas morning.

On Christmas day at 8:30 a. m. a special Christmas pageant and religious services will be presented by the men of the Reception Center... The St. James Church, the Friendship Baptist church, the City hospital patients and other churches in Columbus have planned Christmas services and all soldiers are invited.



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